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19 July 1961

Mr. Rufus Foshee The Downtown Gallery 35 East 51st St. New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fosheet

In answer to your request of 8 June regarding information on the O'Keefe and Marin paintings exhibited at Knoedler's, I wish to inform you that within a week you should be receiving your photographs directly from our photographer.

The paintings are a part of the collection belonging to Mrs. Hunt Henderson of New Orleans as announced in the Summer Issue of Art News, 1961.

If we can be of any further help to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund B. Nielsen

Curator of Collections

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Mrs. Edith Gregor Helpert Eden Hill Road, Newton, Connecticut

Mr. Dan Rhodes Johnson Box 43, Locust Valley, Long Island, N.Y.

Ar. Robert Samuels, Jr. French & Company, 978 Madison Avenue, New York, M.Y.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the last Board of Directors' meeting, held June 27, 1961, at which you were the only directors present, there was a discussion concerning charitable benefit auctions and charitable benefit sales.

I was asked to check further on certain changes in the proposed report of the Art Dealers Association, Inc.

It is my advice after further reflection and study, that the expansion of the report suggested at the meeting is not appropriate, and, indeed, a curtailment of the report is preferable and necessary. I would prefer to postpone the whole matter to the September 14, 1961, Board meeting where it can receive more thorough consideration by a larger group. But if you require some printing and dissemination to our ourrent members now, it would be my advice to confine your proposed report to the following:

"REPORT OF ART DEALERS ASSOCIATION, INC. REGARDING CHARITABLE REMEPIT AUCTIONS AND CHARITABLE DEMEPIT SALES

The Art Dealers Association, Inc., incorporated in New York, on May 26, 1961, and still in the process of organization, has been studying during its formative period one major problem area, the abuses found existing in art auctions and sales sponsored as charitable benefits. Through its beard of Directors, the Art Dealers Association, Inc. issues this report concerning this problem area:



ALLAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, DALLAS 26, TEXAS

July 12, 1961

Edith Halpert
Eden Hill Road
Newtown, Connecticut

Dear Edith:

Thank you for sending me photographs of some of the artists we plan to have in our October exhibition of "Directions in 20th Century American Painting".

From the list of works which you sent I would like to reserve the painting titled "Blackbird" by Arthur Dove and a painting by John Marin to be one of the three following, listed in order of preference: "Taos Canyon #2"; "Mountains (Sangre de Christo) New Mexico"; "Region of Taos, New Mexico".

I have examples of works by Stuart Davis, Max Weber, and Rattner coming from some of the museums, so I think we will omit them from your list at this time.

As you say, there could still be the possibility of some substitutions in September. There is a chance that I may get to New York toward the latter part of September. However, I think that it will be necessary to have closed our exhibition list by that time so that work can proceed on the catalogue.

Hope everything goes well with you on your vacation and that you can avoid as many letters like mine as possible. I hold photos of the pictures listed above but will return all others to the gallery.

Best regards,

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In replying please use my summer address as follows:

Sincerely yours,

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July 20, 1961

Mrs. Fishko 577 Commercial Street Provincetown, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Fishko:

If you are surprised that I have your address although not your full name (is my face red) I had somebody do a bit of sleuthing to obtain the information.

How are your gallery plans progressing? I am very eager to know. Also since you asked me to make recommendations in relation to artists and the artist I have in mind will be in your locale I thought it might be a good idea to mention the matter to you. I am referring to Frederick C. Wight, the director of the U.C.L.A. galleries, an author and an organiser of a great many important exhibitions in L.A. which toured to many other museums. Besically he is a painter and during the past five years has devoted himself very largely to this phase of his career. He has had a number of one-men exhibitions, mostly on the Coast - in various sussums and in commercial art galleries. For some time he has been considering the idea of a New York cutlet, and during a visit with me in Connecticut just a few days ago asked whom I would suggest as his New York dealer. I immediately thought of you as I feel very strongly about his work and am also eager to see you build up the strong roster that you have in mind. He plans to visit his mother, Mrs. Carol Wight, at their home in Chatham, Mass., arriving there about the 25th of this month, remaining for a week or longer. He would be glad to visit you in Provincetown, and since I did not know your telephone number I mentioned that you might take the trouble of phoning him at Chatham 18 to make an appointment convenient to you. Wight has a large collection of slides and a viewer and can give you a pretty good idea of his full range as the collection includes examples of his earlier work and right up to date with many which have not as yet been on exhibition.

Needless to say, that is if you respond to his work, he would be an excellent connection for the gallery.

I hope you have a pleasant summer, and that you will let me know about your progress and your opening plans. My very best regards.

Sincerely yours.

P.S. Whether or not you are prepared to make any commitment I think it would be nice if you would get in touch with Wight in Chatham.

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WYMAN PARK BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND CHESAPEAKE 3-7450

July 10, 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Your most generous offer of a great gift of American art to the Corcoran Gallery in Washington impressed us very deeply. We hear that there is a group of art-minded Washingtonians who are hoping to be able to make it possible to produce a building capable of hemsing the offered collections in our capital city. However, in case their plan does not materialize, I am wondering if you would consider our Museum as a place close enough to Washington to be almost a suburb -- just 45 minutes away by car and by train and much less by air. With our fine collections of late 19th and early 20th century European art -- the Cone and the Saidie May Collections -- we would have a splendid foil for these foremost Americans and we would be greatly interested in continuing to keep abreast of the times with further additions to the collections.

We have room for the expansion of our galleries and we could add enough space for \$250,000, built not of cinder block but of brick. Our entire Cone Wing of three stories was built for just over that amount. Since we are a civic musuem the City could be persuaded, I am sure, to pay for the wing in order to gain such a valuable collection.

In any case, I write this to offset any disappointment which you may have had to date regarding the gift of your collections and to assure you that we, among others, would be overjoyed to be considered as a recipient.

With my best greetings,

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Park Synagogue

July 11, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn.

Miss Bernice Kandel Bernice Kandel and Associates 3620 Tolland Road Cleveland 22, Ohio

Dear Miss Kandel:

When I returned from a lengthy trip I was advised by Mr. Foshee that some trucking company called to pick up a number of pictures for your exhibition. Naturally he did not deliver them as all the instructions we had in connection with a tentative list were that they would be picked up in September. Meanwhile the gallery has closed for the two summer menths and there will be no further activity until after Labor Day. This includes the possibility of obtaining photographs since our photographer will be away during the entire period.

For your information no paintings are ever shipped with screw eyes as this is a very dangerous procedure no matter how good the packing is. There is a possibility that the screw eyes will cut into an adjoining picture. Also in relation to the Shahn prints, these are not matted by us as the artist likes to see them framed close to. They are shown in museums as is under a pane of glass.

When the gallery reopens I can send you a more specific list based on your previous selections. Incidentally I plan to remain at my summer home until after Lebor Day. I hope that the dates and arrangements will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

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July 6, 1961

Mr. Frederick P. Walkey Executive Director DeCordova Museum Lincoln, Massachusetts

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter and for the check.

Naturally we are pleased that the DeCordova Museum has acquired an example of Shahn's work and that you succeeded in making an additional sale. I believe the other two prints have been received, but since I am in Connecticut on my vacation I have none of the records with me - naturally.

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Have a nice summer. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Sam Hunter, Director Rose Art Museum Brandeis University Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Samt

By all means hold on to the photographs and study them good.

I am delighted that I will see you at Worcester, taking for granted of course that you will be there at the Dove exhibition opening as I am doing it all as a quicky just for the day. I am glad also that you and your family plan to pay me a visit in Newtown.

And so I'll be seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Lillian Carlisle Shelburne Museum Shelburne, Vermont

Dear Idllian:

Now that I am settled in Newtown I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the evening with you and the guests. It was great fun despite the fact that I was not impressed with the second highest fountain in the world.

Did you hear about the return trip to New York? It was quite an adventure and one which I liked immensely. We were notored to the ferry, crossed take Champlain, and were motored once again to the airport. I regretted that I could not have stayed on the ferry all the way to New York as it was really delightful.

While I was purchasing some of the catalogues at the gift shap I forgot to include the one on tools. Would you be good enough to have two copies of this mailed to me at this address together with a bill?

Don't forget to let me know when you visit your daughter in Huntington which is just about three miles from Eden Hill Road. I should love to have you see my old house and of course it will be fun to have you and all the family pay me a visit. Again many thanks and best regards to your husband.

Sincerely yours,

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July 10, 1961

Mr. Charles E. Buckley, Director The Currier Gallery of Art 192 Orange Street Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Charlest

It was good to hear from you and I am delighted with the prospect of your paying me a visit in Newtown. If I have not told you before here is my telephone number - GArden 6-4508. Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

Mr. A. Conger Goodyear Old Westbury, Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Goodyear:

Please forgive me for delaying the reply to your letter. I have been away on several trips and subsequently tried to obtain some information about the current valuations of Carl Walters' work. As far as I have been able to ascertain, no one is handling his ceramics thus making it difficult to base an assessment on your sculpture. However I should judge that the figure would be between \$500 and \$750.

Sincerely yours,

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Eleanor LeMaire 29 West 57th Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed to a copy of a letter from the Jewish Community Center of Harrison.

We sent them an invoice on May 6th and they enclosed the blue receipt copy. Since we don't know whether you or the Community Center is to pay for the three prints, would you please let us know?

Sincerely yours,

Gratia Snider Bookkeeper

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July 6, 1961

Mr. Jacob Shulmen 29 East Boulevard Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Shulman:

Your painting NAM*S HORN AND MENORAH by Ben Shahn has been reframed and is ready for shipping. Please let us know when it has been entered on your insurance and we will ship the painting immediately.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Yours sincerely,

Pufus Foshes Assistant Director

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July 7, 1961

Mr. Shirley Errickson Publicity Director Worcester Art Museum 55 Salisbury Street Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Errickson:

Many thanks for your invitation to the opening of the Arthur Dove exhibition.

At this time of the year when so many collectors are abroad, I shall limit myself to a few who I know would like to receive an invitation, starting with the Boston area:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Boris Mirski, 114 South St., Medford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stone, 118 Elgin St., Newton Centre 59, Wass.

Mr. Nethaniel Saltonstall, Hotel Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 16, Mass.

Mrs. Isabelle Gersten, Boston University, Division of Art, 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 15, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown, 1500 Carroll St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Br. and Brs. Andre Previn, 1454 Stone Canyon Road, Los Angeles 24. Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Kremer, 277 Park Avenue, Bldg 7, New York, NY

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cook, 130 East End Ave., New York, NY

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lowenthal, 1150 Park Ave., New York, NY

And of course I shall be there too.

Sincerely yours,

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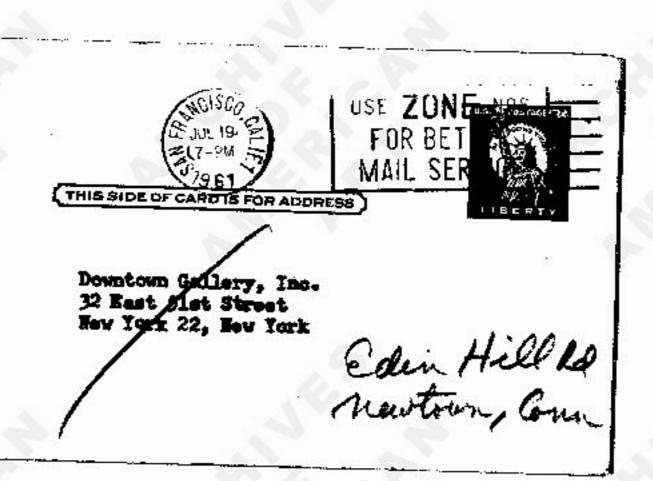
a catalogue published recently by the Museum relating to a show Dan Rich organized several months ago. The forward I think will explain her work much better than I can in words.

Sincerely yours,

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Gentlement

I would like to engage your telephone answering services starting next Monday, July 17th, through Labor Day. The number is above - Pl 3-3707.

Will you please instruct the operator to mail all notes of calls to me every night, and also to telephone me collect at 6:00 PM every night with a report of the day's activities? My summer address and telephone number are:

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut tel: GArden 6-4508

The operator should also refer appropriate calls to my summer number above. She should use the name of the Downtown Gallery in answering calls.

will you let me know/that this will be taken care of, using my summer address, and inform me of the charges involved?

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Halpert:

There are no quotations on the damaged frame repair cost. They ask us to furnish them with the amount. Shall I have Grippis come down and take a look?

Mrs. Edgar C. Schenck o/o Mrs. Florence Michols 347 East 50th Street New York, New York

Dear Betty:

I have just returned from my annual trip to Shelburne, Vermont where I had to behave like a lady for almost three days and was served properly suns teaballs, etc.

The Anton sage developed in grand style and I finally shipped him off on July 4th with the Boigons who have spent more time in conjecture about what he is, what he was, and why he accepted the job. After everyone left Miss Snider and I continued to find bits of strudel in various parts of the residence. And so farswell to strudel Anton.

It was wonderful having you. I would suggest that you let me know when you would like to come up and I hope that you will feel free to do so at a moment's notice. The number here is Garden 6-4508. Make it soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Carol Brosseth
Editorial Assistant
Minnesota Education Association
41 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul 3. Minnesota

Dear Miss Brosseth:

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Sincerely yours,

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Yours truly,

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LOS ANGELES 49, CALIFORNIA

July 18 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert c/o Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Just a few lines to tell you that I'm so sorry I was unable to see you again when you were in Shelburne. I had hoped it would be possible for me to squeeze in time for a short visit with you on Sunday morning, but my house was so filled with guests and my time was so limited that I was never able to get away to the Shelburne Inn to visit with you.

You mentioned on the day of the meeting that you had with you a letter from Mother which you wished to discuss with me. Possibly you would like to send me a copy of that letter so that we might discuss it by mail, since we were unable to get together at Shelburne.

It was kind of you to make the effort to come to Shelburne for the meeting and I hope that you felt, as the other trustees did, that though it was a difficult time for all of us we all "forged ahead" in a manner which would have pleased Ma.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

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July 20,1961

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Mr. Nicholas Britsky 1410 S. Vine Street Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Britsky:

Why of course I remember you and would hardly call you the anonymous type. Furthermore as one of Ukrainian extraction you are practically related to me.

Since in my status of curator of the art exhibition in Moscow as part of the State Department program for the overall fair the person to whom I was beholden was George V. Allen, He is not the one to refer to in your correspondence. There is a separate department in the USIA for exchange programs which have nothing to do with exhibitions. I would suggest that you write a letter to Warren Robbins who is an extremely intelligent guy and is connected with the program. He can give you all the necessary directives. When this is established I will be very glad to fill you with some useful and probably useless information based on my personal experience (not with the State Department) in Russia. I can also give you letters of introduction to several of the artists and other knowledgable personalities who could be of considerable help. If you should be coming to New York let me know in advance so that we can make a date at my home where I have a good deal of relevant data. The gallery is closed until after Labor Day, but I can be reached at my summer home until then - Eden Hill Road, Newtown, Commecticut.

You were very kind indeed to refer to my talk so pleasantly. I felt rather discouraged when I saw the limited audience and furthermore learned subsequently that I was still suffering from the accident incurred during the snowstorm which caused recurrent aphasia, and was under the impression that I got hazy now and then during the talk. In any event you were very kind. I look forward to hearing from you and to our meeting in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

ROSALIE BERKOWITZ

29 EAST SATH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y., BUTTERFIELD 8-1106

ART CONSULTANT

July 18,1961

Hi!

That unhappy moment has come when my Fine unto holicy needs to be renewed and certain of the pictures I have need to be recualisted.

I'm happy that we guessed so "good", but it certainly would be fun just to relax and enjoy them—as sidley said of rape.

of you would be kind enough to send me a current value on the following, hive a bill for services rendered, I should be very grateful. Everyone else gets haid for assessing hictures, so a don't know why the devil you shouldn't.

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I hope the country is having it's usual salubrious effect and that you feel well. Should that moment ever arrive when you are short on guests and long on space I'd love testake advantage of that rain-check you gave me. love, love 101116

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Mr. Hutcheson Pure Oil Company Golf Road Palatine, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hatcheson:

I hate to bother you about this matter, but the person in charge of consignments left no further word before he left for his vacation and I am at a less to know what has happened about the three paintings selected by you and Mr. Maxon and subsequently shipped to Palatine.

While the gallery is closed until September 5th I can be reached at my summer address. I shall be most grateful if you would drop me a note about the consignment.

It was so nice meeting you. I look forward to other visits in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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July 10, 1961

Mr. Sam Hunter, Director Rose Art Museum Brandeis University Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Sam:

I have just returned from Shelburne, Vermont and found a huge stack of correspondence awaiting me including the letter from you.

- 1. First I want to give you the information your requested. David Workman who is now out of the city can be reached through his office, Goldman Sachs & Co., 20 Broad St., New York, N. Y.
- 2. You may reserve the Davis INTERNATIONAL SURFACE \$1. Even if we decide to sell it this year we will arrange with the purchasers to have it available for your exhibition.
- 3. The photographic files will be available during August when our bookkeeper and porter will man the gallery. This will have to be done by appointment as the door is kept tightly shut, However you will get a gay welcome. Obviously I don't dare carry that valuable set of records to Connecticut, but will be glad to make an appointment with you in New York if you think it is urgent enough to get started before the fifth of September.
- 4. In referring to some previous correspondence I find that you have a large group of photographs which we sent to you quite some time ago. There must be about forty in the group.
- 5. All this does not obviate my desire to see you in Newtown where we can talk about the show, nature, etc. Why don't you and your wife plan to visit me? Let me know when it will be convenient. I would so enjoy having you.

And finally I do hope to see you in Worcester at the opening of the Dove exhibition where you can make a fine selection directly from the hand painted pictures. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. In replying please use this address: Eden Hill Road, Mowtown,

Connecticut. My telephone number is GArden 6-4508.

July 19, 1961

Downtown Gallery 32 E. 51st Street New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

You have been referred to me as a possible source of prints of paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe.

Can you advise me whether you do have reproductions, what they are and the cost?

I would be pleased to receive a catalog, if one is available, of those reproductions you have available by other artists, too.

(Mrs.) Carolyn Wardell

P.O. Box 255

East Lansing, Michigan

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- "(A) seriously projudice financial returns to the aponsoring charitable and civic causes
- "(B) seriously and artificially prejudice the reputation and market value of the paintings for future sale produced by contributing artists
- "(C) seriously and artificially prejudice the parket value of paintings of the same artists in the hands of the public who are collectors; and
- (D) seriously and artificially projudice the programs of art dealers sho spensor the growth and development of the affected artists both in respect to quality of future work and stability of fair market value for the work of the artist."

I would much prefer to speak to you personally to give you the reasons for my advice. Better than that, of course, would be a summer Board meeting or Executive Committee meeting on any day and at any place suitable. A Board meeting would require at least four of the seven members of the Board for a quorum, and the Executive Committee meeting would require a quorum of any two of the following four mambers:

Mrs. Grace Borgenicht Brandt Mrs. Eleanore B. Saldenberg Mr. Dan Rhodes Johnson Mr. Robert Samuels, Jr.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall assume that this whole matter will rest an abeyance at least until the first Board meeting of September 14, 1961, without any printing or any dissemination of the above proposed report.

Sincerely yours,

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July 19, 1961

Mr. Robert P. Griffing, Jr., Director Honolulu Academy of Arts 900 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Bob:

I wrote you the most beautiful letter as of June 26th and in the hubbub of the gallery closing activities just didn't mail it. This has been a mad season and I have been a mad woman. And so here I am under a huge maple tree with the sephyrs blowing my papers in every direction but it is a pleasant way to do ones work just the same. The gallery is closed shut and while I still have a good deal of correspondence there are no pressures and life is most pleasant.

If you have any extra clippings about your grand opening I should love to see them. No doubt it was a terrific event and I deeply regret that I could not have been present to see you in all your glory. I hope too that you will not continue overworking and have since done some relaxing. Frankly I was quite disturbed about you although you seemed rather complement and took the heavy labors in stride.

About the middle of June Patrick Hazard dropped in and told me of his appointment at the East-West Center. Things sure are popping in Henelikhu. How will this setup affect the Academy? Since there is no setup for the visual arts at the East-West Center couldn't some of the money be diverted to the Academy which would carry on that phase of the cultural progrant Incidentally I had a delightful time with the Micheners last week. We spent several hours talking about Hawaii and looking at art. Many thanks for referring them to me. He made quite a purchase for his growing collection, but most of all I found both of them exceedingly nice and his comments about Hawaii were very illuminating and always fascinating to me. He strongly encouraged my connection with the Academy. What is cooking in relation to this? We have both been rather vague and I do want to set up a program for the future which will include Honolulu in any event. I am still hunting for the ideal assistant. So far I have not found him and am planning to advertise in the hope of getting enough applicants for a good choice. They don't make them your way any more you KNOW.

Betty Schenk spent a week with me in Newtown and we had a most delightful time. She is a wonderful gal and I am so glad that we have a rapport. As a matter of fact we had been talking about an idea in which she would be involved, but this is just in the gabbing stage.

And so be a good boy and take it easy. Please give my best to Marjorie and your two wonderful youngsters. Sincerely yours,

EOH:gs

July 11, 1961

Mr. Earle Grant 2922 Wichols Street San Diego 6, California

Dear Barle:

I kept postponing writing to you until I felt more relaxed. Believe it or not it took all this time and I am dictating this letter in Newtown (do you remember visiting me here?) basking in the sunlight which is just as good as that made in California.

First I want to tell you now impressed I was and still am with the exhibition of the Grant - Munger Collection. Also I've heard from the director of the La Jolla Museum (can't remember the guy's name) as well as a number of collectors who saw the exhibition and who expressed tremendous enthusiasm for it. You are swell guys to show what you have as you do on many occasions. Incidentally it was fun to see the listing of some of the few pictures from the DO.

Yes indeed the prices have increased considerably despite the fact that I follow a most conservative pattern avoiding the new speculative promotion of highly exaggerated prices.

Your reference to Demuth recalls the fact which I may have mentioned before that I paid \$4800 for a tiny example at an auction this season and several weeks ago re-purchased two watercolors at \$4500 spices. What's more I was delighted to pay these figures as I believe, and many agree, that he is certainly one of our most important artists. The fact that American art has really taken over the international scene also has relevance in connection with the price jumps.

I suppose by this time you have all your possessions at home and no doubt are happy to see them again and with the knowledge that so many others enjoyed these as evidenced by the reviews which you sent me which should really make you and Pliny feel really good.

Why in the deuce don't you come East? I am dying to see you and hope that your plans for the fall will include some days in New York.

With affectionate regards to you and Plin,

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Mrs. E. Halpert, Director Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

We represent the Insurance Co.of North America who insure the Edmondson Foundation, DesMoines, Iowa. There has been reported the damage to a Collage by Dove entitled "The Sea."

Confirming our conversation with you it is our understanding that as your Gallery is closed for the summer you occasionally visit the premises. Would you upon coming to the Gallery contact our office so that we can arrange to inspect the damaged Collage and report our findings to the insurance company. It would be most appreciated if you know the day before when coming into the city you could advise our effice so that convenient arrangements can be made.

Thank you kindly for your cooperation on the above.

Yours very truly ALBERT BALEE & CO.INC.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT BURLINGTON, VERMONT

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 6 July 1961.

The Downtown Gallery, Inc. 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find your RECEIPT No. 6396 signed by Mr. R. H. Janson, Director of the Fleming Museum.

Mr. Janson has decided the museum will retain the pictures as permanent property. Please forward in triplicate your itemized invoice. As soon as received it will be processed for payment.

Very truly yours THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Florence K. Brodie Asst.Purchasing Agent , kalamazoo

July 12, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtonm, Conn. tel: GArden 6-4508

Dear Mr. Maurice:

What with the activities engendered by the gallery closing for the summer there are several matters which were not completed. Among them I find an invoice dated June 30th which had not been maked, and am now enclosing it for your attention as I don't have the Upjohn address in Newtown, Connecticut where I am now in summer residence.

Also I am not sure whether the shipment for your exhibition has gone out and/or when it is due. There will be no one at the gallery until after the first of August and thus I hope the pictures will not be called for prior to that date. It will also be necessary for the shipper to telephone the gallery to make a special appointment as the door will be locked.

I am sorry to be such a misance, but am sure that you will understand. My very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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July 14, 1961

Mr. Felix Lendau 702 North Le Cienege Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Landau:

We would appreciate your sending us two photographs of Zajack's RASTER GOAT # 3 at your earliest convenience.

With all good wishes for a pleasant summer. I am

Yours sincerely,

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HF:gs

July 20, 1961



MILWAUKEE ART CENTER, 750 N. LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE, MILWAUKEE 2, WISCONSIN, BROADWAY 1-9508

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road New Town, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Mr. Dwight and I are delighted that you can be with us on September 21st. As you know the exhibition which opens in our Main Galleries that evening is called '10 Americans' and includes the work of Davis, Demuth, Dove, Feininger, Graves, Marin, O'Keefe, Shahn, Tobey and Weber. Mrs. Ethel Wehr's personal collection of gifts to the Art Center will also be on display in our small gallery. The Exhibition of '10 Americans! is in a sense an expansion of her favorites and is a memorial to her. We are particularly pleased that you can be with us for we are very aware of the important part you played in the development of not only her collection but her enthusiasm and interest in contemporary art. As for the talk, I think that because you have known a number of these artists, it would mean a great deal to us to have you speak about them in some way - their significance in American Art? - their contribution to art generally? - actually, whatever you feel pertinent as you think of them individually or as a group. Mr. Dwight will introduce you and will undoubtedly say a few words about Mrs. Wehr at that point. Let me know, after you've thought about it, what title would seem best for your talk - about 30 or 35 minutes is usually the length of a talk at an opening - and there are all the necessary arrangements here, should you wish to use slides.

We will arrange for your hotel reservation here and Mr. Dwight, I know, would like you to be here in the afternoon if possible to have time to look over the exhibition at a leisurely pace and to have dinner before the opening.

I would appreciate your sending me a short biography and two photographs for press releases. Should you be able to stay over Friday for a few hours, there are always requests for T.V.

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Love,

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July 10, 1961

Miss Helen Justman
D Contemporary Paintings
Notel Traymore
Illinois Avenue and Boardwalk
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Miss Justmen:

Your letter was forwarded to my summer home.

I am sure that Mr. Marin made it clear that our policy had changed in connection with gallery discounts. Because of our limited supply we have reduced our consignments to an absolute minimum and have announced that the discount had to be reduced to 10% with the privilege of course on the part of the consignment to increase the price to a more equitable figure. Thus I would suggest that you add 10% to our sales figure and pay us 90% of this figure rather thun your actual sales price to make it worth your while.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Mostis L. Weinstein Sisterhood President July 13, 1961

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Rabbi Beerman left the city on his vacation and the Shahn works which he was expecting to receive from you had not yet arrived. He will not be returning until August 1.

He has informed Railway Express that should the works arrive that they be kept in storage until his return.

Sincerely yours,

Levry Warran (Mrs.)/Terry Warsaw

Secretary to Rabbi Beerman

July 11, 1961

Mr. William C. Seits Associate Curator The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York 19, New York

Dear Bill:

Basking in the Connecticut sun and feeling rather giddy I thought I would write to you in reference to your Dove plans.

May I say that I am rather assumed with your reason for reducing this very important artist's representation to one "because of space limitations". When I think of the itay-bitsy collages by Dove in relation to what I suspect will be wall penels I find it delightfully incongruous and feel sufficiently giddy to make this fresh observation.

As you know the gallery will remain closed through Labor Day, but if you are driving through the New England country stop in to see me in Newtown, Connecticut, (Eden Hill Road), where I have some entertaining folk art. It would be fun to have you. My telephone number is Carden 6.4508.

Sincerely yours,

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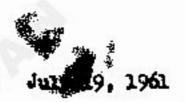
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My Dear Aunt Edith:

well, i finally made it home and there found: an extraordinary machine. it is perhaps --- and i go quite tentatively here---not of your generation to appreciate with an almost sexual gles certain lines and forms, organizations of parts, lines of wires and disls, green lights signifying power and small yellow ones signifying human control (temporary 1 fear) of that power: appreciate, that is, a beautiful instrument for no other reason initially than that it is a handsome instrument which manifests considerable technical accomplishment. now it may very well be that it is my generation which lacks appreciation of these instruments simply because we have grown up about them: but, be that as it may well be, such an instrument is Zenith 30000, transister shortwave, etc., etc, radio. you have perhaps taken this as most notably common exposition, or rather, variations of themes from thankyou notes. hotly, not so! my reaction to this machine i must say rather abyemally depressed even me: i glost over it, creach nightly to see if I can hear (for no conceivable reason) the Outter Mongolian Short Wave Station; I have revived my former habits (time sapped and the guy is sappy too) of tuning in Radio Moscow; i lust to catch la grande TSF---all in all 1 thank you very deeply and tell you (although if i were you i would be wary of such vague promises) that when and if we meet with the radio as a thrid member, you will beforced to hear sounds (a dull roar) which eignifys that a radiophotograph for the New York Times is being transmitted, murbles in the distance which might indicate a war march from radio Cairo, and similar absurdities coupled with weather forecasts that are so complete (and consequently sepellent) that one sonders how the sun ever manages to appear as much as it in fact does. so thank you very much.

i am well. and your i trust the summer passes in peace and some rest.

after time in vermont i have come to stay at New City for an undetermined period of time: god knows



Mrs. Adelyn D. Breeskin, Director The Baltimore Museum of Art Wyman Park Baltimore 18, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Breeskin:

Your letter was forwarded to my summer home where unfortunately I have been kept so busy with a horde of guests that I have not had an opportunity to reply sooner.

I was deeply touched by your offer and certainly would have jumped at this immediately if I and the other collectors had not had our hearts set on the nation's capital per se. This as you probably know is about the only country in the world that does not have a truly national gallery or a gallery of national art. As a matter of fact there isn't any sussum in America where any foreign visitor or any American for that matter can see a truscross-section of American art. This includes the Whitney which because of its policy of special exhibitions cannot have on display at all times even a comprehensive part of its first rate collection.

It is most interesting that Baltimore and Richmond which obviously subscribe to the Washington papers where the first to make this proposal to me. Subsequently I received a number of additional letters and calls, but I still persist in the original idea which you can well understand has validity. Perhaps as a result of this more gifts will beavailable than necessary and we can certainly try to shift some of the good examples your way.

I am delighted that you agree that a figure of \$250,000 would suffice for a building. I am getting awfully bored with the five million dollar edifices.

Again, thank you for your letter. It meant a great deal to

Sincerely yours,

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July 17, 1961

Mrs. Wallace Les Milwaukes Art Center Milwaukes, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Lest

I have just received your message of the 13th and have checked my calendar to ascertain whether the date would be convenient for me. It seems to be, and I will be very glad to accept your invitation.

Won't you please give me further details as to time and subject you would prefer accented during the talk? Will you be good enough to use my summer address in replying?

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. R. V. Hensberger, President Boise Art Association 114 South 10th Street Boise, Idaho

Dear Mr. Hansberger:

Your letter was forwarded to me at my summer address. The gallery is closed during the months of July and August.

Much as I should like to be of assistance to you I'm afraid that I can offer no suggestion. As a matter of fact I have been in search of an assistant for more than a year and have had many applicants none of whom I can recommend to you. Unfortunately there is no organization that I know of training personnel for this field. Have you communicated with the College Art Association or with Harris Prior the director of the American Federation of Arts? Both organizations might be in a better position to be of help.

Simerely yours,

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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July 19, 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

The Department of Circulating Exhibitions, under the auspices of The International Council of The Museum of Modern Art, has completed preliminary negotiations and preparation for a major retrospective exhibition of the work of Ben Shahn. The exhibition is a direct result of specific requests from several of the most distinguished cultural institutions in Europe whose respect for Mr. Shahn's accomplishments has steadily increased since his exhibition at the XXVII Biennale di Venezia in 1954 and subsequent extensive publication of his work in American and European art journals. Public interest has been further stimulated by his settings for Ballet: USA which toured throughout Europe.

The Shahn exhibition will consist of two sections, one devoted to his paintings and watercolors and the other to his graphic work. Mr. James Thrall Soby is selecting the first section which will be limited to 35 works of outstanding quality. I am therefore writing to request the loan of your Shahn: World's Greatest Comics.1946; Large Sinking.1960; I Never Dared to Dream.1960; From that Day on. 1960.

Although the complete itinerary of the exhibition has not yet been confirmed, the opening is scheduled for the 15th of December at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam. From there the exhibition will be forwarded to the Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels for showing through mid-February. Two additional showings, probably in Paris and Rome, are under consideration now. Loans would be returned to lenders in July 1962.

In the hope you will be willing to grant this request, I am enclosing our Loan Agreement Form in duplicate, of which the original should be signed and returned to this office, and the duplicate retained

Mr. Oudmind Vigtel
Assistant to the Director
The Corcoran Callery of Art
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vigtel:

Many thanks for your letter - which was forwarded to me at my summer address.

The exhibition of paintings by Norwegian artists should be most interesting as this is one group which had never had serious promotion in America. I look forward to seeing it.

I appreciate the information regarding Mr. Willoch and will certainly communicate with him shortly. An exhibition of Snahm's work is being scheduled for the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, I believe in November, as well as several other museums in the northern countries. I will suggest to Mr. Willoch that he try to see this show if and when it appears in his vicinity.

I hope to see you in the fall when the gallery re-opens.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: GArden 6-4508

Mr. Harold O. Love 1840 National Building Detroit 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Love:

Now that I am ensconced in Connecticut where my numer home is situated I am slowly going through my dictation file and making up for lost time. The process of closing the gallery for July and August is always a very difficult one with very little time left for our routine labors. This explains the slow motion on my part.

Well I did purchase the two Demith watercolors as I had hoped. Both of these are now tucked away in the fireproof warehouse. We will probably show them next fall together with some other recent acquisitions as a boast of what we have succeeded in locating in the way of major works of art during this difficult period. If you are still interested in the PEARS let me know, although it can wait until September since nothing will be done until we reopen after Labor Day.

It was so nice meeting you and I hope to see you on your next visit to New York.

Sincerely yours,

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July 6, 1961

Mr. Patrick D. Hazard Signa Nu Stanford University Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Hazard:

In the sturm und drang of closing the gallery for the summer I was a little slow on the trigger in sending the catalogue which you requested. This is now enclosed together with what duplicate clippings I have been able to muster. You will note that my suggestion for an art sales gallery goes back to December of 1959. I believe I was misquoted in relation to having "outside work too". The outside work I had in mind was having a large exhibition of Western art inclusively to give the local painters and eculptors an opportunity to become almost as well acquainted with Western art as Eastern.

Incidentally it might be a good idea for you to contact Isami Doi who has returned to his homeland after spending many years in New York and earlier in Europe. I have an idea he will be very helpful on any occasion which may arise requiring some expression of attitude particularly among the Orientals.

I do wish you would keep in touch with me and call on me in the event there is anything I can do. I told you how terribly interested I am in the idea of giving the local artists a big break locally and also mentioned some ideas I have in that connection.

In writing to me please use the following address where I shall remain through Labor Day: Eden Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut. If you mistay this note the gallery address will do as all the mail is forwarded automatically. Good luck in your new jeb.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

Dr. David K. Klaus
Associate Program Director
Training and Education
[American Institute for Research
4TO Amberson Avenue
Pittsburgh 32, Permsylvania

Dear Dr. Klaus:

I have been waiting to write to you until we could get a final decision from the Massum Association in connection with the distribution of color slides, etc., and have at last received all the data indicating that at least three of the massums - Whitney, Modern, and Boston, have turned down the request of the American Institute for Research in connection with reproduction rights. Based on this we decided to follow suit and therefore will have to advise you that the painting by Stuart Davis entitled SEME and the Ben Shahm drawing TROUBLED MAN may not be included in your distribution program.

I regret that this must be the case, and please extend Stuart Davis' regrets to Miss Margaret Sammays.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Edith G. Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

On March 24th, I wrote to you and bought a lithograph of Abe Rattner's to be sent to Israel to Mr. Ben Ami. You wrote me back a letter in which the question of framing came up and we resolved that, and months have passed and I haven't even received a bill, and it has occurred to me that maybe it was never sent. I have not heard from the Ben Amis that they received this. I am anxious to know what happened.

Jerrold Loebi

JL:SS

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July 17, 1961

Miss Catherine C. Hemenway Executive Director Art Dealers Association, Inc. 978 Madison Avenue New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Miss Hemenway:

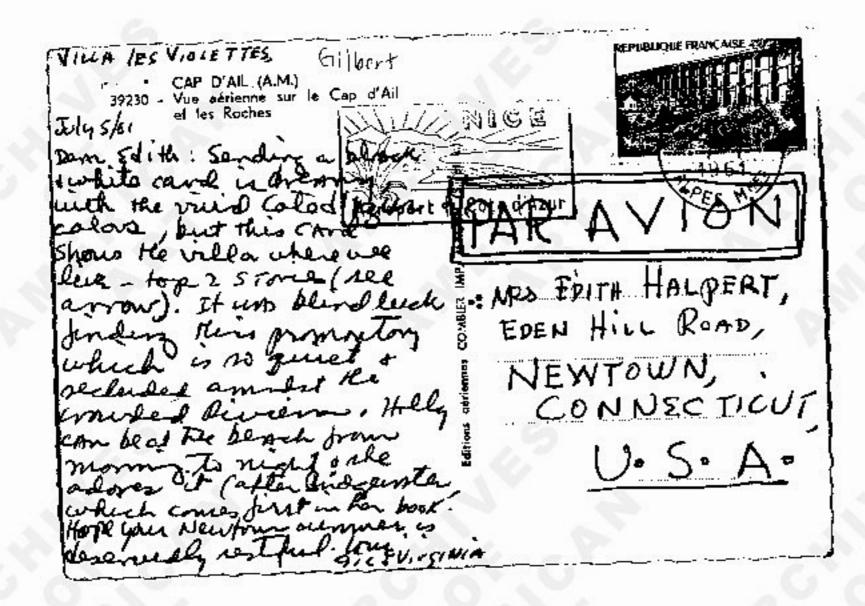
Thank you for your letter and your invitation to me to join the volunteer Board of Directors of the Art Dealers Association. I am heartily behind the association now while it is in the formative stage.

There are certain points which I feel are important to incorporate in the by-laws.

I have read through those proposed, and have roughly indicated suggestions. Most important to me are these:

- 1) That 2/3 vote be required for new membership
- 2) That members be honest to begin with and therefore should not be subject to rigid policing rules
- 3) I am against public scandal or blackballing of members. I am very unhappy to think I am joining a group intent on policing each other. My idea is a group of dealers, all of whom have publicly established their reputations in the field, which would now be publicly asknowledged through membership.
- 4) Due to the nature of the art business, no member should be required to pay dues in three months. (We might lose a valuable hardworking member because his clients owed him too much money.

July 20, 1961 Mr. James A. Michener Tinious Pipersville, Bucks County, Pa. Dear Mr. Michener: I want to thank you and Mrs. Michener for a very delightful experience and to tell you how very much I enjoyed meeting you and the informative conversation we had. It will be of great value to me if and when I work out the plane that I mentioned. Of course I will make no comments about our agreement, but will have more fortitude to work in the direction I had envisioned. Naturally I am pleased also that our artists will be so well represented in your collection. Some day I hope to be invited to Tinieum to see the entire group of acquisitions and to visit with you once more. The invoice is now enclosed together with the list of the Doves to be sent on approval. I am sure that we can make some arrangements to have the bulk of the material sent to you via our truck so that you will not be annoyed with the crates, express company, and whatever. As we agreed the delivery will not be made until after August 1st, but I will advise you in advance to make sure that the set date will be convenient for you. It may also be necessary to get a rough map for the truckmen so that he won't hast in the beautiful hills of Bucks County. Again I want to tell you how much meeting Mrs. Michener and you means to me. My very best regards. Sincerely yours, SOH igs enclosures



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FELIX LANDAU GALLERY

702 N. La Cienega

Los Angeles 46, California

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Dear Mr. Foshee:

Thank you for sending the Zajac sculpture and the two Shahn "Cat's Cradle" silkscreens, all of which have arrived. I am enclosing a signed receipt for the returned items and I have marked the missing titles on the receipt. I am enclosing a receipt for you to sign for the items still on consignment with you. Please note the change in title of the Easter Goats. If there is any confusion, please check them against the Zajac book. Also please note the change of price for "Metamorphosis Rome #13" from \$500.00 to \$600.00.

In regards to the photographs you wanted, would you also check against the Zajac book and reconfirm to us which Easter Goat you want the photos of.

Due to what undoubtedly must have been a mistake, the Zajac sculptures were sent to us collect. My arrangement with Mrs. Halpert was that the Downtown Gallery would pay the shipping both ways, just as we pay for shipping both ways on items consigned from you to us. If you like, I can subtract the emount from what we owe you.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours

July 18, 1961

Felix Landau

Felix Landau Gallery

Mr. Rufus Foshee The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

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THE NEWARK MUSBUM NEWARK 1, NEW JERSEY

> Katherine Coffey, Director Mildred Baker, Associate Director



1961

Miss Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut

Dear Edith:

I have your letter requesting information and photographs of the works that came to us in the bequest of Cora Louise Hartshorn.

In 1959 Mr. Gerdts, our Curator of Painting and Sculpture, wrote to you about this bequest and on receipt of your letter of January 21 we sent you all the pertinent information on the pictures by Georgia O'Keeffe, William Zorach, Samuel Halpert, Yasue Kuniyoshi, and also on the three Hartleys in the group. At that time we also sent the photographs of those which had been taken. The others still have not been photographed, but if and when they are, we shall send prints to you.

Sincerely yours

Director

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HAROLD O. LOVE
1840 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING
DETROIT 26, MICHIGAN

July 17, 1961

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 11th, 1961.

You may rest assured that in September, before we take off for Amsterdam, I shall be in your Gallery.

Have a nice summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD O. LOVE

HOL: Im

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut Mr. Leslie Cheek, Jr., Director Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Boulevard and Grove Avenue Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cheek:

Your letter was forwarded to my summer home where unfortunately I have been kept so busy with a horde of guests that I have not had an opportunity to reply somer.

I was deeply touched by your offer and certainly would have jumped at this immediately if I and the other collectors had not had our hearts set on the nation's capital per se. This as you probably know is about the only country in the world that does not have a truly national gallery or a gallery of national art. As a matter of fact there isn't any museum in America where any foreign visitor or any American for that matter can see a true cross-section of American art. This includes the Whitney which because of its policy of special exhibitions cannot have on display at all times even a comprehensive part of its first rate collection.

It is most interesting that Richmond and Baltimore which obviously subscribe to the Washington papers were the first to make this proposal to me. Subsequently I received a number of additional letters and calls, but I still persist in the original idea which you can well understand has validity. Perhaps as a result of this more gifts will be available then necessary and we can certainly try to shift some of the good examples your way.

Again, thank you for your letter. It meant a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

July 12, 1961

Mrs. E. Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 5let Street New York, N.Y.

Bear Mrs. Halpert:

Last year, and in previous years the enclosed insertion through your kind offices was authorized to appear in our New Year (Rosh Hashonah) issue.

This year, our 82nd Annual New Year Edition will appear September 7th, 1961.

Your approval to again convey your good wishes to your many friends and patrons on the occasion of this holiday will be deeply appreciated.

The cost is the same. \$10.00.

With all best wishes.

Cordially,

AMERICAN EXAMINER

George Gold

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P.S. Please O.K. this letter and return. We will bill you later.

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July 19, 1961

Miss Gratia Snider Bookkeeper The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Snider:

In reply to your letter of July 17th, will you please bill the Jewish Community Center of Harrison direct for the three prints which they have purchased from you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Miss Le Maire

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July 20, 1961

Mr. Richard McLanathan Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute 310 Genesee Street Utica, New York

Deer Dick:

It was good to hear from you.

As a coincidence directly after you telephoned I got word from my agent to the effect that the one room apartment had been rented as of August 1st. I'm sorry that I did not know sooner about your needs, but I am quite sure that there will be many apartments available for a short period before the 1st of October.

If you and Jane can find time give me a ring and let's make a date in Newtown. At the moment I have no cook and no maid but hope to straighten out the situation before long. I sure despise household cheres in addition to all the work that I brought with me to Connecticut. Besides I don't know how to cook and at this stage of the game don't want to learn. Four Albert became very ill and had to retire, giving me such short notice that I could not arrange for a replacement. Of course I hoped I could pick up somebody here very easily, but what with the many factories that have opened in the neighborhood it seems almost impossible. I am waiting for some one to develop food pills to avoid all the nuisance involved.

At the moment I am working on my enormous file in preparation for sending the papers to the Archives in Detroit. What a job after 35 years, but there is some very interesting material popping up every time I look into the corrugated boxes and in this event it might prove to be interesting enough to make up for the labors.

I watched the weather since your telephone call and have kept my fingers crossed for your big outdoor project. It seems to have improved as we have had no rain for the last two days. The Hussians are messing us up fooling around in outer space as they do, n'est-ce pas?

And so I look forward to seeing Jane and you.

Sincerely yours,

EGH tga

PO John at July 10, 1961

Mrs. McLennan Morse San Ysidro Ranch Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. Morse:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your very kind letter? I enjoyed your visit so much. And so I hope to see you again in the fall when we may have more paintings and sculptures to show you and possibly tempt both you and Jim Foster.

Have a nice summer.

Sincerely yours,

ECHIES

what that indicates. all pends to some degree upon the amount of work i can accomplish, my hamor and my head: those---malheureusement---are most variable.

we hope to see you soon, and if neither this family voyages to newtown or you voyage south, i will stop in on one of the possible trips which would bring me into the environs.

take care of yourself and thank you again.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF HARRISON

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Dr. Saul I. Teplitz, Rabbi

July 12, 1961

The Downtown Gallery, Inc. 32 East 51 Street New York 22, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our signed order for the prints listed therein which I understand are presently in the possession of Eleanor LeMaire.

Very truly yours,

Eli Goldberg, Chairman Building Committee

Eli Holding

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haly 6, 1961

Mr. Frederick S. Wight Director of the Art Galleries University of California Los Angeles 24, Galifornia

Dear Fred:

I was delighted to receive word via your telegram to the effect that you will be here on the 15th, and so I shall expect you on Saturday or at least expect a telephone call so I can arrange to meet you at whatever time is specified. A timetable is enclosed.

A bientot,

THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY

32 East 51 Street New York 22, N.Y.

July 14, 1960

Miss Margaret Cogswell Secretary for Publications The American Federation of Arts 1083 Fifth Avenue New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cogswell:

Since you have no further use for the Niles Spencer color plates of "Two Bridges," would you be good enough to send these on to Mr. Anthony Bower of Art in America, including, of course, the progressive proofs.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours

s/s Edith Halpert

EGHla Copy to Mr. Bower

ADDISON, MAINE

company. My college roommate, her husband and your chit drew are here till July 12. This is their third viset but have added a fourth baby gul (3 mos. old) sence last summer. The three older Cheldren are right around Lesa's age. The loves having them bere and they're all bear ing a great time together. They're picked so many wild flawers for me already that I must begin to use water glasses. John looked very well and

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THEM RATHER THAN CONCENTRATED IN THE BIG CITIES WHICH ALREADY HAVE SUCH A WEALTH OF MATERIAL.

Thanking you for any consideration you can give us, I remain with cordial good wishes,

SINCERELY YOURS,

EDWARD S. SHORTER

DIRECTOR

ESS/FMC

Mr. Charles Offin 30 East 60th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Offin:

Would you be good enough to let me know whether any of the art magazines publish issues for September? In replying please use my summer address above, and thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. What are the deadlines for advertising in the September issues? Do you think you could train me to sun it for you? you to supervise, choose the artists and generally control ? I to stay there and cope locally? I can't de cide whether the idea is preposterous or a natural. My year at T. C. has taught me a great deal, and containly quien me self-confidence in me ability to take all kinds

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Nationalmuseum

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The Downtown Gallery, New York.

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find in cheque no 2138811 A/B Svenska Handelsbanken, Stockholm, \$ 5.850:- as payment for your invoice of the 14/19 1961 for a painting by Ben Shahn.

Very truly yours NATIONALMUSEUM S. Fun Cutte

Encl./Ch. no 2138811.

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155 EAST 72ND STREET NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Old Westbury, L.I. New York

July 13, 1961

Miss Edith G. Halpert Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Miss Halpert:

Thank you for yours of July 11. I note the valuation that you place on my Carl Walters ceramic.

Sincerely,

Pure Oil

July 10, 1961

Mr. Brock Arms I.S.D., Inc. 309 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Mr. Arms:

It was a pleasure meeting you when you were in the gallery with Mr. Maxon.

The following paintings were consigned to the Pure Oil Company:

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

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\$3800.00

NILES SPENCER

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We hope that you will find the choice of paintings to be a good one for Pure Oil, and that you wisht with us again when you are in New York.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Rains Foshee Assistant Director

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FRanklin 2-4600 FRanklin 4-9116 July 19, 1961

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Several days ago we received from Mr. Jerry Bywaters of the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts a copy of their exhibition schedule for 1961 - 62.

We noticed that in January, 1962, you are assisting with an exhibition of John Marin's works. We are always seeking fine quality exhibitions in the Arkansas Arts Center and wonder if there is any possibility that this exhibit coming to Dallas might be shown in Little Rock.

We shall appreciate hearing from you as to this possibility.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Harry Pfeifer, Jr

Chairman, Exhibitions Committee

HP/mrw

MIDTOWN GALLERIES

17 EAST 57tH STREET NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

ALAN D. GRUSKIN, DIRECTOR

PLAZA 8-1900

July 5, 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Please find enclosed check in the amount of \$12,735.00 representing payment for the two paintings:

GREEN SEA, ROCKS AND BOAT. CAPE SPLIT, MAINE by John Marin, watercolor REPOSE #2 by Max Weber, oil

\$5,400.00 <u>8,750.00</u> 14,150.00 <u>1,415.00</u>

Less 10%

\$12,735.00

in accordance with our telephone conversation of June 22nd.

When you have a chance could you let me have what information there is available concerning these two pictures: where and when exhibited, and if reproduced or listed in catalogues. I also should appreciate having any comments made about the paintings by the artist or reviewers.

I don't know whether or not your gallery is tightly closed for the two months or whether you or assistants drop in at any time. My client is interested in several of your other artists: Davis, Rattner, Dove and Shahn. If September is the earliest I can see them may I hear from you at your earliest opportunity.

Thank you for the Kuniyoshi photograph. My client wants one of this artist's paintings, and perhaps another one will show up some day.

Sorry to intrude on your vacation, even with a check, and do have a good and enjoyable rest.

Yours sincerely,

Alan D. Gruskin

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July 6, 1961

Mr. Louis Pomerantz 1424 Elinor Place Evanston, Illinois

Dear Louis:

Thank you for your letter and for attending so promptly to the repair of the O'Keeffe.

Your friend Mr. Maxon paid me a visit - his very first and we had a very pleasant time. Of course I made no mention of the rumors I've heard and which I continue to hear.
I am sure however that you will manage to do as well or better and will have the joy of working completely on your own
without any conflicting "opinions".

Our check is enclosed. Fortunately I took the checkbook with me when I left for Connecticut where I hope to spend two quiet months with no problems other than domestic. And so my very best regards to you and the family.

Sincerely yours,

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July 12, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. GArden 6-4508

Mrs. Edward Marous The Dallas Miseum for Contemporary Arts 3415 Cedar Springs Road Dallas 19, Texas

Dear Betty:

Your letter of June 30th was forwarded to me at my summer home.

Indeed we will be glad to send you the three pictures listed and as soon as someone equipped to fill out the blanks will return to the gallery (in August) these loan forms will be mailed to you with all the relevant date. The pickup date of September 5th is satisfactory. We will have the pictures in readiness for Santini.

It was wonderful seeing you and wish that we had had more time together.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. In referring to the original list there was a Kuniyoshi smeluded. Shall I take it for granted that you no longer want this? Unless I hear to the contrary it will be eliminated from our shipment.

THE CURRIER GALLERY OF ART

192 ORANGE STREET

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHARLES E, BUCKLEY

July 1, 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22.

Dear Edith:

This one-hundred dollar check is installment no. 3 for the little O'Keeffe.

If I get into Connecticut this summer, I shall most certainly accept your invitation to call. I would love to see your house and have a chance to talk with you away from the pressures of 51st Street. I may get down that way in August or early September.

Have a good summer.

Sincerely yours,

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CEB/

July 7, 1961

Mr. Shirley Errickson Publicity Director Worcester Art Museum 55 Salisbury Street Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Errickson:

Many thanks for your invitation to the opening of the Arthur Dove exhibition.

At this time of the year when so many collectors are abroad, I shall limit myself to a few who I know would like to receive an invitation, starting with the Boston area:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Weltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Boris Mirski, 114 South St., Medford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stone, 118 Elgin St., Newton Centre 59, Mass.

Mr. Natheniel Saltonstall, Hotel Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 16, Mass.

Mrs. Isabella Gersten, Boston University, Division of Art, 857 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 15, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown, 1500 Carroll St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Previn, 1454 Stone Canyon Road, Los Angeles 24, Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Kremer, 277 Park Avenue, Bldg 7, New York, NY

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Cook, 130 East End Ave., New York, NY

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lowenthal, 1150 Park Ave., New York, MY

And of course I shall be there too.

Sincerely yours,

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ST. CLOUD STATE COLLEGE ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

July 13, 1961

BUMINEBE OFFICE

The Downtown Gallery 32 Rast 51 Street New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

On June 7 we wrote to you requesting from you a statement of the cost of repairs to the frame on FARM FIGURES by Abraham Rattner, which was sent to you during the month of April. To date we have not received this quotation from you and would appreciate it if you would furnish it at this time so that our claim with the transportation company may be processed.

Very truly yours,

Marie R. Hennen

Accountant

MRH:1jb

STATEMENT

Midtown Galleries 17 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

July 11, 1961

John Marin	GREEN SEA, ROCKS AN SPLIT, MAINE	ED BOAT, CAPE w/c	\$5,400.00
Max Weber	REPOSE #2	oil	8,750.00
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			\$12,735.00

RECEIVED PAYMENT THANK YOU

DOWNTOWN GALLERY

July 6, 1961

Mrs. John Marin, Jr. Cape Split Addison, Maine

Dear Norma:

Thanks for your very nice letter which I am answering by dictation on the lawn in Newtown. Boy it sure was good to get out of that hell hole on 51st Street. This has been a pretty tough season as you probably know and it was wonderful to get away.

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the clipping and I am writing to the Newark Museum for the usual information as to titles, dates, and photographs. We do try to keep our records as complete as possible.

Much as I should like to be at the opening of the exhibition of your collection I have just received word to the effect that Fred Wight is arriving from California on July 15th and will be coming directly to Newtown. Perhaps later in the season I can arrange for a special trip.

John mentioned something about the possibility of your coming to Worcester. If you do how about driving back to Mextown for a visit? It would be fun particularly if I succeed in getting a cook-housekeeper. If not, by that time I should become a pretty good cook, bedmaker, duster, etc. And so I look forward to seeing you. My best to John, your mother, and of course to my little friend Lisa.

Sincerely yours,

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WALKER ART GENTER

1710 Lyndale Avenue South

Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

FEderal 6-0301

Martin L. Friedman, Director

10 July 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Edith:

How goes it? I just don't want you to think that I have evaporated. What do you think of my idea for doing a show called the "Sons of the Precisionists?"

Now to deeper matters. Could you possibly give me some idea of how much our Joseph Stella, AMERICAN LAND SCAPE, is worth these days? I must have a current evaluation of it in order that the painting can travel to a show. I would appreciate your help.

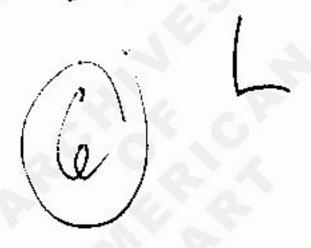
Sincerely yours,

Martin L. Friedman

Director

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Willywheir from the summer



INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

July 13, 1961

The Downtown Gallery, Inc. 32 East 51st Street New York 21, New York Attention: Mrs. Halpert

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Enclosed is a check for \$36.80 for the enclosed invoice.

I tried to reach you at the gallery several times, but you were not in. I think your bookkeeper made a mistake on the bill.

Please recall that I called to ask if I should not buy the print at \$10.00 and take advantage of the rental fee. You very kindly agreed.

Your assistant director at the Gallery suggested I write to you about this. He also told me you were at your summer home.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dolores Engle
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Dr. Earl E. Harper, Director School of Fine Arts and Iowa Memorial Union State University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa

Door Dr. Harpers

It was so good talking with you yesterday morning. I plan to be in New York early next week when I shall send you the Euniyoshi photograph together with some pertinent data explaining my point in relation to the late example pow in your exhibition. In addition I will try to locate photographs of some of our other hidden Marins although the latter can wait until the fall when you come to New York.

As for the painting to be shipped to Eugene Allen, we will pay for the crating and the shipping may be sent collect to Los Angeles. We advised him to place insurance on the painting and I will send him a note as a reminder before your shipping date.

I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Via Air Mail 10 July 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I hope you got my telegram of 9 July, congratulating you and the other collectors on your most generous gift proposal. The institution fortunate enough eventually to receive this magnificent group of paintings indeed will be fortunate.

Should Washington fail to provide the site, I hope very much you will consider Virginia. There are a number of very logical reasons, it seems to me:

- 1. Virginia is adjacent to Washington. In fact, metropolitan Washington is increasingly located in Virginia, and the magnificent new super highways now under construction will emphasize this trend, particularly with Saarinen's fine Dulles International Airport located some 23 miles toward Richmond. Virginia is the city of Washington's "country".
- 2. Virginia is the Mother State. Most Americans truly do "have a Virginia Grandmother," and are returning in even larger quantities to renew basic ties. And every foreign visitor truly must visit the Old Dominion to see where our nation began. American art, therefore, is particularly appropriate for Virginia.
- 3. Virginia is culturally known. 18th century elegance is on view at Mt. Vernon, Gunston Hall, Williamsburg, etc. The 19th century has Monticello, Arlington, Wilson's home in Staunton, etc. Mrs. Rockefeller's collection and now our own considerable one are testimony to the State's present day dedication to the arts.

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COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM BICHARD B. K. McLANATHAN DIRECTOR

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MUNSON-WILLIAMS-PROCTOR INSTITUTE

10 GENESEE STREET . DTICA 4, NEW YORK . TELEPHONE

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July 6, 1961

Mrs. Edith Halpert Downton Galleries 32 East 51st Street New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Enclosed herewith is the receipt for the prints which you are lending for inclusion in our PURCHASE EXHIBITION to be held this Fall at the Edward W. Root Art Center. You also sent us the John Sloan etching entitled THE LITTLE BRIDE. This I believe was an error since I understood that it was not available for our show. I will be returning this to you.

Thanks very much for your cooperation. My best wishes to you for a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,

Joseph 5 Trovato

Assistant to the Director

JST/mach Encl. Mrs. John Marin, Jr. Caps Split Addison, Maine

Dear Norma:

Thanks for writing so promptly.

I hope your opening at Bowdoin College is a great success and that you and John are pleased with the hanging. It It is too bad that I cannot attend, but I am sure you will understand.

It will be nice to see you in Worcester, and perhaps we can then make a specific date for August.

As ever.

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333 Sixth Avenue New York City 14 AL 5-2204

JULY 18, 1961

THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY
32 EAST 51ST STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

GENTLEMEN:

I AM ENGLOSING HERENT TH TWO COVERS FOR OUR BOOK REMEMBER TO REMEMBER BY HENRY MILLER, ON WHICH WE HAVE REPROBUCED ABRAHAM RATTHER'S DRAWING WHICH WE BORROWED FROM YOU LAST

SINCERELY YOURS,

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I hope you will check through the copy enclosed and note my suggestions.

Sincerely,

Martha Jackson

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July 14, 1961

Please telephone us upon receipt of this card so that we may arrange to collect, for the Carnegie International, the following: 1 painting each by DAVIS

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July 8, 1961

Dear Edith, Dorry that you can't be in Brunswick on July 16. We'll miss you. But I know that you have much to do dur ing the summer even though your gallery is officially closed. John and I hope to be able to go to Worcester on July 25 to see the wonderful Doves. However, we must return here to Cape splet afterwards. We well be going up to

NORSERT HEERMAN July 12 61. Lear Mrs. Helpert -Thank for to sund for Ther haid Eletter. I feel sure I that another deal with of the Caurohoff is in the picture. If The is a little afraid is of hus Int galleries Is prices for in case she Should came in without Jen might put at her ease by

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July 6, 1961

Mrs. Robert W. Stoddard 19 Monmouth Road Worcester 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Stoddard:

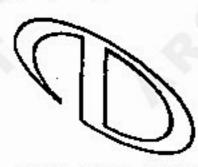
The O'Keeffe painting has been taken care of in grand style and is now ready for delivery. I am pleased that you decided to retain it for your collection, and that Dan Rich also thought well of it.

You made an error in the price. Actually the figure was \$3200 instead of \$3500 as you indicated in your letter. An invoice is enclosed. Incidentally if I have not already advised you accordingly, our insurance coverage ceases when the painting is removed from the gallery. Before shipping it therefore I would very much like to make certain that you have entered this on your own policy. We will wait until after the 24th of July in any event. The painting is packed and ready for the express company when we hear from you as to the insurance and as to the date on which you would like to receive it. In replying would you be good enough to use the following address where I shall remain through Labor Day: Eden Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

I hope you and Mr. Stoddard have fun on your fishing trip. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Director MRS. ARTHUR DINTENFASS

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July 19, 1961

Gentlement

Could you please send us the prices of the Spencer,

7500 In the Cabin, and O'Keeffe, Lake George, Cost and Red, 4500

Figure the Precisionist exhibition now at the Massum.

We have someone who is inherested in these paintings.

Thank you.

(Miss) Terry Flambert Secretary to the Director

July 11, 1961

Mr.

Mrs. Burton Tremaine 99 Center Street Meriden, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Tremaine:

I am so glad that you have succeeded finally in effecting a proper restoration of the Georgia O'Keeffe painting.

Since I am at my summer home and have no records with me, I cannot give you the specific appraisal which would include the correct title. I hope that the following will be satisfactory under the circumstances.

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Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

BOH Susser Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: GArden 6-4508

Mr. Bli Goldberg, Chairman, Building Committee Jewish Community Center of Harrison Union Avenue, PO Box 184 Harrison, New York

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Although the gallery is closed for the two summer months I have with me in Connecticut the correspondence file and am gradually going through the folder.

I find a copy of a letter addressed to you on May 16th relating to the purchases you made through Eleanor Lemmire comprising three prints. I find also that there has been no reply received.

Won't you please look into this matter and write me at my summer address as I am very eager to get all pending matters settled before we reopen in September.

Sincerely yours,

EGHINA

W. S. Budworth & Son, Inc. 424 West 52nd Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Your card requesting the Carnegie shipment was forwarded to me at my summer address.

As you know the gallery is closed until September 5th. During August our porter will be there, but you will have to make a special appointment to make sure that the pictures had been selected for delivery to you.

Will you be good enough to write me at once addressing me in Connecticut and furnishing the absolutely final date for pickup? I shall be most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

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THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM

EASTERN PAREWAY, BROOKLYN 38, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE

July 10, 1961

Mrs. Bdith Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York City

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

The Trustees, the Birector, and especially I, wish to thank you for lending to the 21st International Nater Color Exhibition, the following works which helped so much to enhance this show:

Tseng Yu-Ho --MIDSUMMERNIGHT'S DREAM
Ben Shahn - THE ARTIST, 1959-60
Abraham Rattner - GARGOYLES AND FLAMES
Robert C. Osborne - BIG DEATH
Seymour Dramlewitch - GOLDEN ARE CURTAIN
Stuart Davis - FURNITURE, 1961

All Ret'd. 8/30/61

The exhibition was not only popular with the public, but received exceptional reviews in the NBW YORK TIMES Sunday, edition of April 16th and in the edition of THE NEW YORKER, May 13th, we well as in the ARTS magazine.

We are well aware that this event would not have been possible but for the gracious cooperation of lenders and artists.

May I say again that we greatly appreciate the help :

Hertha Wegener

(Mrs.)Hertha Wegener Assistant Curator

HW/de In Charge Dictated by Hertha Wegener, signed in her absence.

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July 12, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: GArden 6-4508

Mr. Douglas F. Thornejo 1445 Edgcombe Road St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Thornsjot

Thank you for your letter and your check.

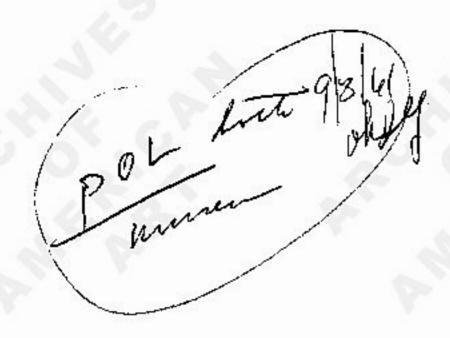
Since I am now at my number home I have no means of checking to ascertain the details regarding the figures involved, but will do so at the earliest opportunity - on my first trip to the city. The gallery will not re-open until after Labor Day, but I may drop in considerably before.

May I suggest that you delay the shipment until after the first of August when the bookkeeper and the porter will both be there and can accept the crate! We will also make arrangements for the restoration of TWINS IN GREEN. I doubt whether this can be attended to much before September as even the restorers leave town during the hot months.

Incidentally when I get an opportunity I will send you the data in connection with the two portraits indicating where they had been exhibited and/or reproduced.

Sincerely yours,

Richter



July 11, 1961

Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller President, Board of Trustees The Arkansas Art Center Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

After re-reading your release I felt that I should write to you and extend my congratulations on the inquiguration of such a center in Little Rock.

I also want to congratulate you on the selection of Mrs.

Muriel B. Christison whom I have known in her museum capacities for a good many years and have always found most capable and most pleasant to work with.

I had the pleasure of meeting you at the dinner held in conjunction with the opening of the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Museum and hope that now that your interests have been extended I will have the further pleasure of seeing you at the gallery when we re-open directly after Labor Day.

Sincerely yours,

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THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS



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Mr. Abraham Rattner c/o The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rattner:

The American Federation of Arts is assembling an exhibition of prints titled HAYTER AND ATELIER 17, which will tour museums and art centers throughout the country from February 1962 through February 1963. Stanley William Hayter's Atelier 17 has attracted outstanding artists from over 20 countries for advanced study of the intaglio technique. A F A has asked Mr. Hayter to select examples from the three periods of Atelier 17's activities; in Paris, 1929 to 1939; in New York, 1940 to 1955; and again in Paris from 1950 to the present. Twenty prints by Hayter and 40 by others will be included.

Among the works which Mr. Hayter would like to include in the show is a print by you executed in the New York period of 1940 to 1955. Would you be good enough to send two or three different works from this period so that we may select one for the tour. We suggest that they be sent unmatted. If you have no prints of that period available, would you please tell us from whom they may be obtained.

Loan agreement forms are enclosed in the hope that it will be possible for you to lend. One copy of the form is for your files; the other should be filled in, signed, and returned to us at your earliest convenience.

A P A will, of course, assume all expenses connected with the preparation, care and transportation of the exhibition, and will insure all works included in the show under its all-risk fine arts policy.

We very much hope that you will be able to contribute to the exhibition, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS 4400 FORBES AVENUE PITTSBURGH 18, PENNSYLVANIA

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GORDON BALLEY WASHBURN

ASSISTANT DURECTOR

LEON ANTHONY ARKUS

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Director, The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Mr. Washburn has asked me to thank you for your letter to him of July 5.

He is sorry to know that the Shahn chosen by him will be anavailable for the International. Since time begins to be short, Mr. Washburn has decided to leave the artist until the next occasion.

So far as showing the Shahn exhibition at Carnegle, he would like to consider this at a later time.

It is good to know that the Doi has been repaired and the the other works chosen at your gallery will be available as expected. I believe you have made arrangements with Budworth for the collection of these works. We will notify Budworth today that the Shahn will not be included when the pickup is made.

Mr. Washburn wishes you a quiet and happy summer in Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

Madelon Unkoy Secretary to the Director

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ED L. HERIDER P.O. Box 375A RFO 3 CENTER, TEXAS JULY 20,1961

DIRECTOR

DOWNTOWN ART GALLERY

32 EAST 51ST STREET

NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE TWO ARTIST FRIENDS OF MINE WHO, AT LAST REPORT, WERE EITHER WORKING AT OR WHO WERE AFFILIATED IN SOME WAY WITH THE DOWNTOWN ART GALLERY.

I AM WONDERING IF YOU COULD POSSIBLY TELL ME WHERE I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND THEM. ANY INFORMATION AT ALL AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS WILL BE BREATLY APPRECIATED.

THEIR NAMES ARE EVELTH GAY AND WALLACE DREYER. THEY CAME TO NEW YORK FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS WHERE THEY WERE CO-DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION FOR A TIME. EVELYN GAY TAUGHT FOR A WHILE AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY IN WACO, TEXAS WHILE MR. DREYER WORKED AT TEXAS A.SM. COLLEGE TEACHING AND DIRECTING THE COLLEGE'S ART ACTIVITIES.

| WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE ANY EFFORTS YOU CAN MAKE TO LOCATE THESE TWO PEOPLE FOR ME. | HOPE THAT THIS REQUEST WILL NOT INCONVENIENCE YOU IN ANY WAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CON-

VERY TRULY YOURS

ED. L. HERIDER

The Corcoran Gallery of Art Washington 6, D. C.

HERMANN WARNER WILLIAMS, JR. DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY METROPOLITAN 8-3211

July 17, 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I have just returned from a two-month stay in Norway where I assembled an exhibition of contemporary paintings by young Norwegian artists to be shown at the Corcoran this fall.

The Director of the National Gallery in Oslo is very interested in the work of Ben Shahn and I believe that he might want to acquire work by that artist for the Gallery's permanent collection. I know that he would appreciate any material such as photographs of available work.

The address would be: Mr. Sigurd Willoch, Director, National Gallery, Universitetsgaten, Oslo. Norway.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Gudmund Vigtel

Assistant to the Director

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Miss Gay Sampliner Stock Equipment Company Hanna Building Cleveland 15, Ohio

Dear Miss Sampliner:

Thank you for your letter.

While we would certainly like to be of help to you in regard to full color reproductions of John Marin's paintings, the fact is that we handle only the original works of art.

May I suggest that you communicate with the Museum of Medern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, N.Y., or the Whitney Museum of American Art, 22 West 54th Street, New York, N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

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COLUMBUS MUSEUM of ARTS and CRAFTS, Inc. 1251 Wynnton Road :: COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

JULY 15, 1961

MRS. EDITH GREGOR HALPERT, DIRECTOR THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY 32 EAST 51ST STREET New York 22, N. Y.

DEAR MRS. HALPERT:

IT WAS WITH MUCH INTEREST THAT I READ IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. SUNDAY STAR AS WELL AS IN AN AP RELEASE THAT THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY HAD OFFERED THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART YOUR MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF AMERICAN ART.

AT THE RISK OF SEEMING PRESUMPTIOUS, WE WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER OUR MUSEUM HERE FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE COLLECTION.

WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED A DRIVE TO MATCH A GIFT OF \$100,000 FOR A NEW WING TO OUR MUSEUM. THIS WILL BE A FIRE-PROOF, AIR-CONDITIONED, THIEF-PROOFED BUILDING. IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER A GIFT TO US, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAME THIS NEW WING THE "EDITH GREGOR HALPERT MEMORIAL" OR THE "EDITH GREGOR HALPERT COLLECTION". IF NECESSARY, WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO RAISE EVEN MORE MONEY TO ENLARGE THE BUILDING IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER SUCH A GIFT.

WE FEEL THIS WOULD BE A MOST UNIQUE DISPOSITION OF AT LEAST A PART OF YOUR GREAT COLLECTION AND WOULD PROBABLY BE OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE IF LOCATED IN THIS COMMUNITY WHERE IT WOULD BE A DRAWING CARD AND PERHAPS BETTER THAN BEING A PART OF A BIG CITY MUSEUM.

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IS THAT THE AMERICAN PROFINCIAL MUSEUM CAN TAKE ON ADDED
LUSTRE IF GREAT COLLECTIONS COULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG

Mr. Phil Kaplan 299 West 12th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kaplant

I am sure that you must be as bored as I with the correspondence regarding the small sum you owe the gallery and which you had promised to pay on several occasions.

You must agree that we have been mighty patient in view of the fact that the purchase was made on February 15th, 1960 - a year and a half ago - but I trusted your word during our last telephone conversation and did not, as I had intended, refer this to a collection agency, something we have never done in our career. It would be most embarrassing for you. Why don't you just send us a check and get this thing over with? Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

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ROSE ART MUSEUM

Brandels University, Waltham 54, Massachusetts

July 13, 1961

Miss Edith Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut

Dear Edith:

Many thanks for your letter, with its useful information on a variety of matters. I am particularly happy you are holding the Davis painting, <u>International Surface #1</u>, for the Seattle exhibition.

I would like to hold on to the large group of photographs you sent me, since I have not completed my study of them in terms of the exhibition. I could send them to you before your opening after Labor Day.

I plan to go to the Worcester show of Dove, and shall follow your suggestion in looking at them in terms of our "American Art Before 1920" project. I now have the funds for that show, simply had not had the time to go ahead with it because of a summer lecture schedule, and the Worlds Fair show. But I do plan to work on it later in the summer, and should have a tentative listing by the fall so that we can propose it to a number of museums in the hope that they will participate.

We certainly would like to come up to Newtown during the summer. Perhaps, after we get down to Easthampton in August, we can plan a trip with the children. In any case, I shall keep in touch with you, and very much appreciate all your help and interest.

I have just rehung the museum with our permanent collection, including the Pierre Roy and the Samuel Halpert which you gave us. They look very good, indeed. Many thanks again.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

SH/hrr

Wednesday Schenel Dear Edith, we are having a won der ful teme - have had quite a few days of perfect weather, lots of clams to eat and dig, weeks on the beach + in the woods all relating + reestoring. Lots of time to thinkand the idea of your Honolulu gallery keeps coupping up in my mind.

Mr. Francis W. Robinson 25 East Palmer Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Robinson:

In the hectic rush of closing the gallery for the summer all my correspondence has been delayed and I am now stretched out in the sun attacking this correspondence. I hope the delay in my reply has not inconvenienced you.

I too so emjoyed our little party. It was nice seeing you again and recalling the early days of Harnett, or not to date either of us - his re-discovery.

One of these days when I venture into New York away from my Connecticut nest I shall really get at the portfolio containing the fracture and find something which will fit your demands inclusively - and if we should have photographic prints available will send them on for your consideration.

I think your friend Michel Dufet would be very much amused by the slight confusion in names. Trying to be elegant I was referring to the Mue Blondel as a bordello rather than the more common name with which I am familiar. This has proven a true tongue twister but under any name it was quite an experience.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

EOH:gs

MIDTOWN GALLERIES

17 EAST 57TH STREET NEW YORK 22. N. Y.

ALAN D. GRUSKIN. DIRECTOR

PLAZA 8-1900

July 17, 1961

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Commentions

Dear Mrs. Halperts

Thank you for the receipted statement and the information in your letter. The collection is coming along nicely and I was pleased to be able to include the fine Weber and Marin.

I shall try to get up to Worcester during the Dave show, but I am afraid I can't make the opening. Thanks for your kind offer to arrange for an invitation for me.

If you do plan to be in New York soon I very much would appreciate meeting you at your galleries, and seeing work by the artists I mentioned, Davis, Rattmer, Deve and Shahm. Perhaps too you may know of another major Kuniyoshi.

Inasmuch as my client is available new- he may be out of the country in the fall and winter; and enthusiastic about adding to the collection, I am trying to round up what he wants to consider while he is here and can devete attention to the matter. I am sure you understand.

I feel very hesitant asking you to come into New York in this heat, but I do feel we should be able to acquire several more of your paintings, and the scener I can show them the better.

Perhaps you could telephone to let me know when you could plan to be in town.

with kind regards.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Gruskin

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Miss Joyce Resce Subscribers Service Associated Hospital Service of New York 80 Leximbton Avenue New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Reece:

As the gallery is closed for the months of July and August your letter dated July 13th had to be forwarded to my Summer address and did not reach me until after the weekend (on the 17th). I dictated my reply and much to my aston-ishment found in this afternoon's mail a cancellation notice.

Since your letter is in reply to mine dated June 26th it seems to me that the action of your bookkeeper is rather hasty and most unapropos. I could hardly pay the bill until the information I requested and which you furnished after a delay of two weeks had reached me. Also no corrected bill was enclosed. However I am enclosing a check for \$150. awaiting a corrected bill eliminating the duplication of charges in the case of Miss Smider who appears twice on the statement without any explanation. I would greatly appreciate a detailed bill and a final one for the quarter so that our books may be set in order.

Sincerely yours,

EGHtgs check enclosed

STOCK EQUIPMENT COMPANY

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CLEVELAND IS, OHIO

No why William or

July 13, 1961

Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

Do you have for sale full-color reproductions of seascapes by John Marin?

I would appreciate any descriptive literature, especially illustrated, or references where I might look up the particular paintings. Also, please advise sizes and prices.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Gay Sampliner

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July 7, 1961

Mr. Norman A. Geske, Director The University of Nebraska Art Galleries 209 Morrill Hell Lincoln 8, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Geske:

Thank you for your letter.

Since the gallery is closed for the summer and our bookkeeper is away the bill for the restoration work will be sent to your office early in September.

Sincerely yours,

Oratia Snider Secretary

form cary Hawrlain gallery 32 Cant 54 51 56 new york, J. y Dear Ino I whate the huseum of modure but requesting any information available about georgia o'Keiffe I was referred to your-Kuraly let me know what is available - pretius in color Etc. and the price -Dans rectived in writing

July 12, 1961

Mr. Thomas S. Tibbs Des Moines Art Center Greenwood Park Des Moines 12, Iowa

Dear Tom:

I have just returned from Shelburne, Vermont where I had among other experiences about the most fascinating one in my career. Your old friend Mrs. Vanderbilt Webb took me through the old Webb house, the little shack of 102 rooms which still contains some of the utterly incredible furniture commissioned by her father-in-law and others which were purchased outright. We spoke of you and she made some very kind remarks about you, and so did I.

I am delighted that the committee approved your new accessions. Incidentally did you read about Charles Oscar, one of the artists involved? He was murdered a few months ago under horrible sircumstances.

I would prefer to have the labels read "anonymous gift". Also following the line of your letter, I am very glad that my small contribution was used for the purchase of the Freimark. As you know I feel very strongly about community support and think that the purchase of the work of local artists is a valuable contribution from every point of view, including the encouragement to stay in ones own environment rather than get smallowed up into the conformist pattern of the New York City brand of opportunism.

Please don't worry about the Dove collage. No doubt the crates were knocked around pretty roughly, so much so that no kind of packing could protect it.

And finally I want to tell you how much I look forward to your fall visit.

Sincerely yours,



July 6, 1961

Mr. Frederick R. Pleasants 5 Sierra Vista Drive Tuscon, Arizona

Dear Mr. Pleasants:

I am so sorry to have missed you during one of your very rare visits to the gallery. Perhaps on your return trip you will stop in again as it will be so nice to see you.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

EOH:gs

Mr. Alan D. Graskin, Director Midtown Galleries 17 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Gruskin:

In the rush to get away from New York and all the work involved in closing the gallery I did not get a chance to write you about the pictures you had under consideration.

I am now settled in Newtown, Connecticut - Eden Hill Road - and am attacking my dictation folder. Will you be good enough to advise me about your decision in connection with the Marin and Weber, and also as to whether you would like the Kumiyoshi delivered to you during the summer? If you prefer this can wait until the fall, but I would like to know about the pictures you have withheld.

It was nice seeing you and I hope we have occasion to work together again.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

Mr. John Marin, Jr. Cape Split Addison, Maine

Dear Mr. Marin:

I am glad to give you the ourrent valuation on the painting by John Marin listed below.

SEA AND FIGURES CONCEPT IXI 1942 oil 40x35" \$ 8000.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Edith Halpert 10 July 1961 Page Two

- 4. Virginia has a glowing future. The only Statewide arts system in America is now entering its second quarter century of pioneer effectiveness. Art objects belonging to Virginia's Museum double their inspiration and enjoyment via displays on Artmobiles and at affiliated art centers in 16 towns, as well as in Richmond. Visitors from America and the world come daily to admire and emulate.
- 5. Virginia is planning a wing. Growth of the collections and public use require doubling the size of the present Richmond headquarters building, which only in 1955 received its last handsome addition. Arrangements can now be included in the new structure for special collections. The Virginia Museum is nationally recognized for the beauty of installation and effectiveness of interpretation of its art objects.

I do not believe you, Mrs. Halpert, have visited us for a number of years, so I enclose a few photographs and publications to give you some concept of our good fortune. Based on this vigorous present, we have a remarkably bright future.

Better yet, would be for you and your fellow collectors to come to see for yourselves. Or, if you prefer, I can come to New York to see you, bringing along a collection of color slides of the many facets of our Richmond and Statewide operations.

Again, let me say how grateful I am for your fine gesture toward enlarging the art horizon of our country.

Sincerely,

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Nearly you for your comber,

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July 17, 1961

Mr. Norbert Haermann Woodstock New York

Dear Mr. Heermann:

When I dropped in at the gallery last Friday I arranged to have a regular invoice prepared for Mrs. Rensohoff addressed in your care since we do not have her Cincinnati address on our books.

As you probably know, she had purchased a number of things from us in the past, and as far as I ban recall has had no disagreeable experiences at this New York gallery, but since her account was so inactive we withdrew her stencil.

For your information, we do not work with dealers at the gallery proper, but in rare instances such as the Kuniyoshi situation will pay a commission from our own funds. Otherwise we cannot afford to do this as it does not allow a sufficient sum to cover our overhead. I thought I should let you know this.

Again thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

EOHtgs enclosures Mrs. Milton Lowenthal Starling Road Craryville, New York

Dear Edith:

After all the fuse involved in closing the gallery for the susser and opening the house in Newtown I am finally settled down.

How about paying me a visit? As I recall it is not an awfully long trip from Craryville and since I am alone and don't like to drive solo in my old rattler it would be wonderful to have you and Mickey make the trip instead. I should love to see you and will be here any time you suggest, preferably during the week, when we won't be disturbed by as many dropper-inners. Come and spend a couple of days or longer if you like.

Meanwhile, my fondest regards.

Love.

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29 BEEKMAN PLACE, NEW YORK

July 12, 1961

Dear Mr. Foshee:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me the photographs of Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings. As I'm sure you want to keep your files in tact, I am returning them to you with this note, and hope to stop in to see them personally sometime maxt week before I leave for Burope.

With all best wishes,

Cordially,

(Mrs. Albert D. Lasker)

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July 18, 1961

MRS. EDITH HALPERT DOWNTOWN GALLERY 32 EAST 51ST STREET NEW YORK, 22, N. Y.

DEAR EDITH:

I will be interested to know what further details you have developed in connection with our exhibition of American folk art which you are planning for us for our American Fortnight. This will open on October 16th so we would need the material here a full 10 days in advance to prepare for proper installation.

Will you let us know when we will have copy from you for the catalogue and what costs we will be liable for in connection with the organization, shipment and preparation of the exhibition.

With best regards,

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cc: Mr. Warren Leslie

July 5, 1961

Mr. Edwin Gilbert Vills les Violettes Cap D'Ail (A. M.) France

Dear Gil:

I was delighted to hear from you and am making an immediate note of your summer address.

Talking about sugger, I am now ensconced in Newtown and am truly delighted to be back with the prospect of a full two months in my little heavenly spot. The only cloud is the fact that I am without help at the moment. Albert finally cracked up as we all suspected and is now in a Midwest sanitarium somewhere I believe. In any event his wife gave up her job and the apartment to move him out to Wichits. When you are ready to write a musical comedy give me a buzz. The female tryout was incredible and the most recent (departed as of last night) employee was I believe an extense singer or a singing general from Hungary who sange and clicked his heels when addressing madame (the latter only). For \$8.60 of equipment he made strudel for dessert - all boughten equipment. Helen Boigon will add a chapter to the case history of Edith Halpert. As Sonia used to say "only to me it happens".

The reason I have written so little is that I really had a grim winter starting with the Lawrence episode and continuing through other traumatic experiences the most difficult of which was a konk on the head (not by an artist) but during the anomators comprising a combination of a miniature iceberg and a pane of glass, but I am now completely relaxed and I am as I said before so happy to be in Newtown.

Of course I can't wait for "The New Ambassadors". It might be wise to send it to New York as I usually have my mail re-referred to the city about the first of September.

Tell me about your vills and all the latest events. I wish you and Virginia would write me a good chatty letter as I am so eager to hear all the news. How is Holly in her new environment? Has she become a channel swimmer as yet? How about sending Grandma some anapshots including Mosma and Poppa as well!

Lots of love to you-all.

Mr. Martin L. Friedman, Director Walker Art Center 1710 Lyndals Avenue South Minneapolis 3, Minneaots

Dear Martin:

It goes good here. I am dictating out in the wide open spaces and it is a great improvement over the little office on 51st Street.

Much as I would like to belp you I'm afraid I cannot give you the information you require in connection with the Stella painting, as I am not up to date on the prices of the large canvases. As a matter of fact I am not up to date on any prices today with the stock market quotations in the field changing daily. Perhaps it would be a good idea to get in touch with the Zabriskie Gallery where several Stella exhibitions have been held during the past year or two. If I were in New York I would do a little reconnoitering and if you can wait until September I certainly could ascertain the approximate figure especially if you would indicate the size of the picture.

I'm surprised that you have the idea of a "Sons of the Precisionists" exhibition. If you refer to your own catalogue you will find the word purist closely associated. Also if you will go over the list you will realise that there were very few children created by this list of artists - most apropos.......Ault, Demuth, O'Keeffe, Sheeler, Hirsch, Spencer, etc.

Speaking of catalogues I note that in your last exhibition this little gallery had no representation whatsoever although you included many of the older men. Don't you like Rattner and others?

I have been delighted with the many comments I've heard from various parts of the country in reference to your precisionists show. This sure had a terrific effect wherever it appeared. You should be pleased with yourself, young man.

I plan to stay put in Newtown this summer but will probably come to New York now and then especially if the right people turn up. Do you expect to be East before September? If so let me know and we can make a date either in New York or perhaps I can coax you out to Connecticut. My address and telephone number are below. Best regards to you and the family.

Sincerely yours,

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425 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York

20 July 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

No decision has as yet been reached on the Howard drawing however, we would like to retain it over the summer.

With best wishes for the summer.

Very truly yours, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

John Bedenkapp

Encl.

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July 5, 1961

Mr. John Cowles
The Star and Tribune
Minneapolis, Minneapta

Dear Mr. Cowlest

I am sorry that I did not acknowledge your two checks earlier but we were in the midst of closing the gallery for the summer and were working until all hours of the morning. Now I am at my summer home dictating at leisure surrounded by lush trees and enveloped in quiet.

The receipted bills are enclosed with our thanks. Your letter of June 29th reached me here.

For your information, "Pedernal" is the name of the hill in the background. I believe it is called that because of its formation. O'Keeffe has used this frequently in various pictures of course in entirely different contexts. The setting for the vista also relates to a form O'Keeffe has used on several occasions, based either on a hole or opening in a huge rook, or as you say a steer's skeleton. All of these forms C'Keeffe uses are based on her visual experiences in New Maxico where the hills, the sand and its color, and the animal skeletons she finds in the desert have all become what would be applicable to still life material which she composes in her inimitable original manner. One of the interesting aspects of her work is that everything in a painting alludes to an object or a nature form which exists in her immediate environment. While her subjects relate to what she actually sees, one may cortainly call her work abstract in the true meaning of the word - "abstracted from". It certainly has no relation to realism or naturalism, but is an abstraction from, and a reconstruction and integration, and of course a complete re-composition to achieve the unit she desires - a purely aesthetic concopt.

If you like I will write her and ask for her own interpretation, but meanwhile when I am in Worcester July 24th for the opening of the one-man exhibition of paintings by Arthur Dove I shall obtain

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July 19, 1961

Hahn Brothers 112 West 107th Street New York, New York

Gentlemen:

The answering service advised me that you had telephoned the gellery. When I was in New York on Friday, July 14th Mr. Foshes who remained for two weeks after the official closing date advised me that there were several telephone conversations between him and your office about the pickup for Kalamasco. He also advised me that it was scheduled for the preceding Wednesday and subsequently postponed until the following week. This was changed once again with final arrangements for Thursday, July 13th. He waited through Friday afternoon and again was disappointed. No one will be in the gallery until after the first of August and then by appointment only as the gallery will remain officially closed until after Labor Day.

Because I have no records with me in Connecticut I cannot recall the actual embibition dates. Thus I would appreciate it
if you would let me know immediately at the address below
whether early August will be satisfactory for shipment, and
if so on what specific date and specific time the pickup can
be made so that everything will be in readiness for you. Also
since I do not have the complete address of the Institute would
you be good enough to fill it in on the enclosed envelope to
be mailed immediately to Nr. Maurice?

Sincerely yours,

BOHigs enclosures copy to Mr. Maurice, Kalessaco

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Mr. Jerry Bywaters, Director Dallas Museum of Art Dallas, Texas

Dear Jerry:

In the rush of getting things organized for our annual summer closing I was somewhat delayed in my selection of the photographs which you requested. Furthermore Eaker who has our negatives left for Massachusetts several weeks ago and it is impossible for us to get any photographs until he returns early fall.

After you have had an opportunity to go through the prints will you please let me know which of the paintings you would like to have reserved for the exhibition in Dallas? In the event that you would like some substitutions perhaps we can attend to these in September. Do let me know.

In answering would you be good enough to use the following address where I hope to remain the rest of the summer: Eden Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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July 10, 1961

Mrs. Yoland Markson 1251 Lago Vista Drive Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mrs. Markson:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter, but the gallery was closed on June 30th for the two summer months and all the correspondence has just reached me at my summer home.

The information you requested is listed below. The figures represent the current insurance valuations.

Ben Shahn DREAM 1955 tempera \$ 6000.00

Bernard Karfid NUDE ON COUCH oil 3500.00

It has been so long since I have had the pleasure of seeing you. I hope that you plan to be in New York in the fall and will pay us a visit.

Sincerely yours,

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6 to attend a wedding. Verhya on our way down east around aug. 6, we could stop by just for an hour or so to say hi. Even though you'll have help by that time (I certainly hope so for your sake) we are too many to go visiting people white on a trip. you when we get home. any-way - I'll get in touch with How are the Bauma? Please give them our best if you see them or write to them. Right now we are up to the full tide mark with

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Miss Helen Wilson Sculptors wild, Inc. 106 West 16 St. New York 11, N. Y.

Fund Supplement

2615 First National Bank Bldg. MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

July 6, 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

I regret having taken so much time in considering the shipment covered by your invoice No. 6393. Furthermore, your letter of June 27th arrived while I was away for a one-week vacation. However, we now have decided to keep the two children and are returning to you, within a few days, the two landscapes together with our twins in green. You will recall that you offered to arrange for the restoration of the latter at my expense.

The reason that I am sending this letter ahead, and not sending the actual shipment, is that you state the gallery will be closed for the summer months. I am, therefore, wondering whether it will be safe to send the shipment to the gallery or whether we should arrange for it to be sent elsewhere. If I do not hear from you within a week or so, I will assume that a shipment sent to the gallery will be properly received and will then take the necessary steps to have the paintings go forward to you. You also will find enclosed a check covering the balance due as a result of our keeping the two children.

Sincerely, Auslan H. Thorns

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July 12, 1961

Springbrook Acres Exeter, R.I.

Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York City New York

Dear sire:

May I ask you to examine the enclosed color slides of my recent paintings . I plan to bring the originals to New York soon, and although I am aware that there may be very little chance of being added to your list of artists represented, I hope you will be curious and want to have a look.

David T



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July 13, 1961

The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

Group 60693 P
Irene G. Siegler
Cert. 4795020 S-01
Gratia Snider
Cert. 10941062 C-01
Allan Siegler
Cert. 4795020 S
John C. Marin, Jr.
Cert. 7024241 S

We will be glad to explain the above subscribers' charges.

Mrs. Irene Siegler's contract provides family standard Blue Cross and expanded surgical-medical benefits. Our records indicate Mr. Siegler's family standard Blue Cross and standard Blue Smield contract was transferred to his wife's subscription effective May 16, 1961. Since the charges for his contract were only paid to May 1, 1961 he was billed in the amount of \$6.06 which was to be applied from May 1, 1961 to May 16, 1961.

Mr. John C. Marin, Jr. is enrolled for the family standard Blue Cross and Blue Shield contract. The adjustment for Gratia Snider's contract is different as her contract covers the individual standard Blue Cross and expanded surgical-medical subscription. If these subscribers wish to add the expanded or drop the expanded subscription an application would be necessary.

Sincerely,

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Subscribers Service

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July 10, 1961

Mr. Norbert Heermann Woodstook New York

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Doar Mr. Heermann:

As you probably know, the gallery is closed during the months. of July and August. This explains the delay in my reply to your letter.

I am now in Connecticut where I am attending to some of the immediate correspondence. As I have neither the bill heads nor a check book with me I am afraid that you will have to wait for your commission until August 1st when my bookkeeper returns from her vacation and will attend to such details. A check for \$250.00 will be sent you at that time. We are not charging Sara for this amount but will deduct it from our own countains.

I too was surprised that Sara agreed to give up this very fine painting.

It will be nice to see you in the fall and I shall be glad to show you what Karfiels we have available. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

of pressure. But from the pers pecture et rest and. vacation, I am doubly sure that it would not be constreetive for me to stay there louger than another wish you were here. 1 think you would like it and may be some day I can get épou out here. This time, alas, I ame

July 17, 1961

Mr. Bedenkapp Skidmore, Owings & Merrill 425 Park Avenue New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bedenkapp:

When I stopped off at the gallery last Friday I found that all but one of the drawings and prints you obtained on consignment last May had been returned. The Charles Howard was not included in the group.

Would you be good enough to let me know whether you wish to hold that for a longer period, or whether you have desided to acquire this picture? Since the gallery will not re-open until September 5th your reply should be addressed to my summer home.

Sincerely yours,

RAHTON

Mrs. Terry Warsaw Secretary to Rabbi Beerman 484 South San Vicente Boulevard Los Angeles 48, California

Dear Mrs. Warsaws

Thank you for your letter.

I was under the impression that this shipment had been made quite some time ago, but because I am at my summer home during the two months of July and August and have no records with me I will have to wait until I stop off at the gallery within the next week or so to check into the matter. You will hear from me promptly.

Sincerely yours,

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July 11, 1961

Mr. William L. Moise Newagen Maine

Dear Bill:

Now that I am in the country and relaxed I thought I would write in answer to your letter despite the fact that we discussed the matter by telephone.

If you will refer to the resords you will find that we have not sent works of art to the Maine Art Gallery in the past, not because of prejudice but chiefly because we are truly running much too short stock-wise to release anything except for one-man shows and for major museum exhibitions. Even these are being reduced considerably. Furthermore, as I mentioned to you, the Hartley had been sold to a Midwestern collector who has promised to present it to his home town museum. In relation to the Marin, John and I are a little worried about the "no insurance" proviso since our blanket policy covers us only within the gallery proper. Also we have never allowed more than 10% commission to anyone including massum purchasers. And so you see that I was not arbitrary but following an established pattern.

I hope you and Adelaide have a wonderful summer and that I will see you when you are enroute to Florida.

Sincerely yours,

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Abby Aldrick Rockefeller Folk Art Collection

Williamsburg, Virginia

5 July 1961

Mrs. Edith G. Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 22, which has come during Mrs. Black's absence, to be brought to her attention when she returns on July 10.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Witt

Secretary

about two Louis & out on The road and NO BRAKE action of Lacing traffic That in itsely was friftening when we finally solled ents a pervice staten, after much deley, we discovered my fluid in the brakes. Du our way again we know an exercite ptop in Holy orte and Continued on red worming This puch her been endless price the weather, up to this day, Les Deenspain, eved wish intermittent from. Fine Lundred fights Lary prosting, dance faving leverty pringle tumino palenting in a looty, is 20, Ling dead relaxing for frais Histories . That my dead istry ploty How weeks sky Thigh is the Tokete Mountains. With pleas warm, swany weather it's most delightful. The pun deck, The Deach, and the Lock are fastering places and the Club proper is secreted. Wonderful! ! Kom here on I hope to get my daily round of folly lever very well est weeth moser alely because I feat I weith my plottes areal to pain tight that I dare not Jain an inch

for your records. The Museum, will assume all responsibility for costs of packing and transportation and will insure your loan from wall-to-wall under its regular fine-arts policy at the value you specify. Expert supervision of packing and installation is assured for each of the showings.

We plan to collect all works at Santini Brothers Warehouse, 447 West 49th Street, New York 19, New York on or before September 15, 1961. If this loan is agreeable to you, our Registrar would then be in touch with you to arrange a convenient time for collecting the loan and delivering it to the warehouse.

We feel that the exhibition represents a signal opportunity to honor Ben Shahn's magnificent contribution to American art, and I hope that you will be able to collaborate with us in this important European presentation.

Sincerely,

Waldo Rasmussen
Waldo Rasmussen
Assistant Director
International Circulating
Exhibitions

Enclosures:

Loan Agreement Forms in diplicate for: World's Greatest Comics, 1946; Large Binking, 1960; I Never Dared to Dream. 1960; From that Day on, 1960.

July 17, 1961

Mr. George Gold American Examiner 239 Fourth Avenue New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Gold:

I have your letter of July 12th.

The gallery is closed and Mrs. Halpert will not return until September.

Sincerely yours,

Gratia Snider Secretary

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July 6, 1961

Mrs. Albert D. Lasker 29 Beekman Place New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Lasker:

I am sending you selected photographs of Georgia O'Keeffe Baintings as your secretary requested.

Mrs. Halpert is away for the summer, but I shall be in the gallery Monday through Friday of next week. I hope you will be able to find time from your busy schedule to come in and see the O'Eseffe paintings.

I look forward to meeting you. With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Rufus Foshee Assistant Director

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July 11, 1961

Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: UArden 6-4508

Mr. Alan D. Gruskin, Director Midtown Galleries 17 East 57th Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Oruskin:

Thank you for your letter and check. I am very pleased that you were able to complete this transaction. I can tell you that these are two of the outstanding examples by the artists and are worthy of any major museum.

Because I don't have the invoice pad with me in Connecticut I am just enclosing a receipt and will send you the official papers the following week. The next time I am in New York I will supply you with the data concerning these paintings including exhibitions and reproductions in publications.

I am sorry that there will be no one in the gallery during the month of August with the exception of the bookkesper and the porter neither of whom is equipped to show any paintings. However I do get to town on occasion and for your convenience will be glad to make a special appointment during that month. If by any chance you or your client will be in the neighborhood of Worcester in the latter part of July it would be an excellent idea to see the one-man show of Dove's work (all belonging to a single collector) on view at the Worcester Museum. If you like I can arrange to have an invitation extended to you for the opening which is either the 24th or 25th of the month - I will look it up. On the other hand I can show you what we have in the gallery together with paintings by the other artists you have listed.

Why don't you communicate with me and let me know your wishes in the matter?

Sincerely yours.

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EGH:gs

New Haven J. Comm. C.

July 11, 1961

EdH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: OArden 6-4508

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Mr. C. Jagen The Astra Casualty and Surety Co. 101 Whitney Avenue New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Jagan:

Once again I am obliged to write to you in reference to the claim we made and the forms for which we sent to you on May 20th. While the gallery is closed during July and August I have with me all the pending correspondence and am very eager to get this straightened out before we reopen.

Sincerely yours,

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July 5, 1961

Dear Katherine:

I see by the papers that you received two important bequests - Hartshorn and Douglas. I see also that a number of our artists are included in the former collection.

As you probably know we maintain complete archives on all our artists. Thus it is most important for us to have a record of the paintings by the following artists as well as any others who were not listed in the article and whose names are printed at the bettom of our letterhead.

Halpert

Georgia O'Keeffe

Kuniyoshi

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If photographs of these are available, may we have one print of each together with a bill, noting of course titles, media, size, and the dates? I shall be most grateful for your help in the matter.

I hope you have a very pleasant summer. Incidentally my current address (for July and August while the gallery is closed) is Eden Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

EGH:gu

Mr. Jerry Bywaters, Director Dallas Museum of Fine Arts Dallas 26, Texas

Dear Jerrys

Believe it or not I am answering your letter in the great outdoors, dictating under a huge maple tree. The gallery is closed for the summer but I am continuing some of my work at my summer home.

Naturally I will abide by your decision and we are now setting aside the pictures you specified. I also hope that you will carry through your tentative plan and pay us a visit in September. Please let me know shead this time so we can arrange a small dismer party for you.

Sincerely yours,

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July 20, 1961

Mr. David T. Jones Springbrook Acres Exeter, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Jones:

When I stopped off at the gallery for a few moments I found your letter and slides. We do not expect to re-open until the end of the two vacation months and Mrs. Halpert will not be in town until the 5th of September. Thus I thought it best to return the slides to you in the event that you have use for them prior to that date.

Sincerely yours,

Gratia Smider Secretary

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R.V. HANSBERGER II4 South 10th Street

Boise Idaho

July 10, 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert, Director The Downtown Gallery 32nd East 51st Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

It has occurred to me that you might be of assistance in our search for a director for our Art Gallery. The Boise Art Association, after twenty-eight years of existence as a completely volunteer organization, has now reached the point where we feel we should employ a full-time, paid director. We are seeking a young man who has a suitable education and experience background in museum management.

Boise is a community of approximately seventy thousand and has an unusually ideal climate. Our museum is owned by the City of Boise and leased to the Association. This museum is the only one of its kind in an area having a radius of approximately three hundred miles. Consequently, the importance of our Association and our museum is great to a large area of the intermountain West.

Enclosed is a copy of our last year's annual report to members. We should greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to offer.

Very truly yours,

President

Boise Art Association

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Premiere Art Gallery 717 So. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, Illinois July 12, 1961

Downtown Gallery 32 East 51st St. New York City

Dear Sirs:

The American Federation of Arts has informed me that you handle quantity orders for the pamphlet, "A B C for Collectors's". We have started a small gallery here and are interested in stocking this pamphlet to use as a means of educating the public about buying art.

Plwase let us know as soon as possible what your prices are for quantity orders.

Yours truly,

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HARRY L. BRADLEY
138 WEST GREENFIELD AVENUE
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July 18, 1961

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Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert The Downtown Gallery 32 East 51 Street New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

Mrs. Bradley asked that I wrate you regarding the spraying of the last two Georgia O'Keeffe's which she purchased from your gallery.

Said you suggested this and she would like full particulars.

Self addressed and stamped envelop is enclosed for your convenience.

Very Auly yours

Secretary to H. L. Bradley

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July 12, 1961

Miss Virginia Field Secretary for Exhibitions The American Federation of Arts 41 East 65th Street New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Field:

Your letter addressed to Abraham Rattner was referred to us as his agents. He is abroad and I am therefore following through for him.

The only print of which we have copies is entitled ELOHIM. Because I am dictating this letter in Connecticut and have no access to the records I cannot supply the information regarding size and will therefore send in the exhibition form after September 5th.

Sincerely yours,

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July 5, 1961

Mr. Gordon Washburn |Carnegie Institute |Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Gordon:

Now that the gallery is closed for the summer and I can attend to my business affairs in the peace and quiet of Connecticut, I am checking through my exhibition file.

I was under the impression (correct me if I'm wrong) that you were planning to stop in on your return from Europe, but can't remember whether it was in Jume or later. In any event I was waiting to see you again to explain that the Shahn you selected would be unavailable as it was chosen for his one-man exhibition opening in Amsterdam next fall. As a preliminary we are having a quicky preview of the Bikini series early October with the idea of making the shipment to Holliand by air. I am sure you understand how important it is that the picture you selected be included in the exhibition as a final note in the overall context. The Museum of Modern Art will supervise the tour which will include several other European museums. How about having the entire show at Carnegie on its return?

All the other paintings you selected will of course be available including the Doi which has been repaired as you suggested.

I hope you have had a grand time abroad and are coming back as I am sure with hot numbers. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Jerry Bywaters, Director Dallas Museum

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July 10, 1961

Mr. Felix Landau 702 N. La Cienega Los Angeles 46, California

Dear Mr. Landau:

Twelve Zajack sculptures have been sent to you via Denver-Chicago as instructed in your note of June 27, 1961.

Two copies of Shahn's CAT'S CRATLE is also being sent to you as requested.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely.

Rufus Foshee Assistant Director

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Mr. Louis Hoffman Dudley, Hoffman & McGowan P.O. Box 717, Charlotte Amalie St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Lout

I too was very glad to have an opportunity to talk with you and regret that we did not get a chance to get together during your stay. Unfortunately I will not be in New York during the month of August as the gallery remains closed until September. Do let me know when you plan your next visit and I hope it will be at a time when we are both free. I should love to see Reba as well and the two children whose ages rather startled me as it dates our last meeting.

Have a good summer and do let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Via Air Mail

July 14, 1961

Mrs. Edith Gregor Halpert Eden Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Halpert:

The three paintings which Mr. Maxon and Mr. Arms selected from your gallery were received at our office last week, and we have not yet reached a decision as to what we wish to do. I had understood from Mr. Arms, who was in New York with Mr. Maxon rather than I, that we would have the opportunity to live with the paintings for a reasonable time and then ship back to you any painting, or paintings, which we did not want.

I am now wondering, however, whether you would want us to ship the paintings back before September 5th if the gallery is closed for the summer. I had anticipated that we would reach a decision quite a while before that date. Would you let me know whether there would be anyone in the gallery if we should be ready to ship them back before that time, or whether you wish us to hold them until the gallery is open.

Yours sincerely,

Q. P. Willes

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Mrs. Edith Halpert - 2

or radio appearances but this, of course, would be up to you. We will naturally take care of your travel expenses and whatever fee you request.

If you have any further questions I'd be happy to answer them. We're looking forward to having you with us.

Sincerely,

Frances Lee

Mrs. Wallace Lee Supervisor, Adult Education

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rested when he arrived. I think his vacation away from us the last two weeks in June did hun some good! Our regards to Mr. Wight. just blaw the dust away keep up the good charcoal biaching, though -Love Norma 1.5. Our phone number has been changed since last year It's now Area Code 207 (Columbia exchange) P.P.S. It a a party line and there are

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July 12, 1961

EGH Summer Address: Eden Hill Road Newtown, Conn. tel: GArden 6-4508

Mrs. De Kampmann, Jr. 315 Westover Road San Antonio, Texas (9)

Dear Mrs. Kampmann:

Both your telegram and check were transmitted to me at my summer home. When I am next in town I shall send you an official invoice but this letter should serve as an acknowledgment of payment.

I was somewhat surprised that you decided on acquiring both paintings. May I mention this fact to John Leeper of the McNay Institute as I am sure he would be delighted to know that such very outstanding works of art have been added to the San Antonio scene?

Also in the future I shall send you some data relating to these two canvases indicating where they had been exhibited and/or reproduced. And so I hope you will continue to enjoy them - and that I shall see you in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Richard Janson, Director Floring Museum The University of Vermont Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mr. Janson!

Your letter was forwarded to my summer home since the gallery is closed during July and August. When I return I shall check our Crawford stock to ascertain whether we have an example you would prefer. This will not be until about mid-September. On the other hand you might want to wait until you come to New York and make your own selection - now that you're stuck with a purchase (?).

I am very pleased that you have added the Marin and a Crawford. At your suggestion I am sending a professional invoice for the two prints, subject of course to a future exchange.

Sincerely yours,

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